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Tommy G. Thompson honored at 226th Grand Lodge Session



The Distinguished Achievement Award will be presented to Brother Tommy G. Thompson, the former Health and Human Services Secretary and four-term Governor of Wisconsin. He is Chairman of the Deloitte Center for Health Solutions and a partner at the law firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld.

At Deloitte and Akin Gump, Secretary Thompson is building on his efforts as HHS Secretary and Governor to develop innovative solutions to the health care challenges facing American families, businesses, communities, states and the nation as a whole. These efforts focus on improving the use of information technology in hospitals, clinics and doctors offices; promoting healthier life-styles; strengthening and modernizing Medicare and Medicaid; and expanding the use of medical diplomacy around the world.

Secretary Thompson served as HHS Secretary from 2001 to 2005 and is one of the nation's leading advocates for the health and welfare of all Americans. He has dedicated his professional life to public service,

serving as Governor of Wisconsin from 1987 to 2001. Brother Thompson made state history when he was re-elected to office for a third term in 1994 and a fourth term in 1998.

Secretary Thompson has received numerous awards for his public service, including the Distinguished Public Service Award from the Anti-Defamation League. In 1997, he received Governing Magazine's Public Official of the Year Award; in 1998, the Horatio Alger Award. He has also served as chairman of the National Governors' Association, the Education Commission of the States, and the Midwestern Governors' Conference. Secretary Thompson also served in the Wisconsin National Guard and the Army Reserve.

Brother Thompson, member of Sun Prairie Lodge No. 143, was made a Mason in a one-day class in Wisconsin on June 9, 1990.

Other Business

A proposal changing the Constitutions regarding age of a petitioner and another to amend the Rules of Order, which will require a Balanced Budget on a 12-month Calendar Year are on the docket.

Several proposals will be read for the second and final time, as they were approved initially at last year's Session.

Commissioners of Appeals; Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home; Directors of the Corporation, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory; Trustees of the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library of Grand Lodge; Officers of the Masonic War Veterans of the State of New York, Inc.; and Grand Lodge Officers will be selected.

First Thomas W. Jackson Awards for Excellence in Masonic Education presented at College of Freemasonry



Thomas W. Jackson (left) received the first Award named in his honor from the Valley of Rochester. Other members of the initial class of recipients were Neal I. Bidnick, Grand master of Masons in the State of New York, John W. McNaughton, Sovereign Grand Commander for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Kathleen Kutolowski, Chairman of the History Department at SUNY Brockport and presenter at the 2006 College.

By George S. Nasra, 32°
1st Lt. Commander, Valley of Rochester and Chairman

The Brothers of the Valley of Rochester, AASR Masons, organized the 2nd College of Freemasonry Program, which was again a resounding success.

On Friday evening, over 100 Brothers, their guests and significant others, attended the program open to Scottish Rite Masons. All were treated to a wonderful dinner, dessert. Then, the real treat was a message from the Illustrious John W. McNaughton, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the United States of America. He reminded us of the importance of education in Masonry, making the connection between the Scottish Rite Charities and its mission of imparting light and knowledge throughout the world.

The Saturday program was a treat for all who attended. More than 120 Masons and guests came to the Shrine Center on that beautiful sunny day, and all were mesmerized by Professor William Cook of SUNY-Genesee who brought to life the Cathedrals of Europe — bringing history, geometry, religion, and politics together in a skillful and entertaining way.

He was followed by Ill. Richard Curtis, 33°, recently retired Editor of the *Northern Light Magazine*. He spoke of education and the pursuit of knowledge as a forgotten core principle of Masonry.

The Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnik, joined our gathering that morning and delivered an inspiring message of hope and renewal. He put an emphasis on going back to the basics of our Fraternity; Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. He emphasized the importance of Truth in our Craft, and he later gave a framed copy of the Masonic Compact to the Valley Secretary. The Grand Master then assisted our DDGM, Gary Sanford, in delivering a check for \$12,500 to a representative of the Ronald McDonald House who commented that Freemasonry has been a strong supporter of the cause and helped in laying the cornerstone to the first Ronald McDonald House in Rochester.

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Thomas Jackson receives first "Jackson Award" from Steve Whittaker and George Nasra.

Over Lunch, the Ill. Thomas W. Jackson, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and perhaps the most recognized, and most decorated Mason worldwide, accepted from the Ill. Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°, Deputy's Representative for the State of New York, the first College of Freemasonry Award which our Committee decided to name in his honor — "The Thomas W. Jackson Award for Excellence in Masonic Education." He then spoke of Masonry around the world emphasizing that the basic tenets and a strict application of the Ritual is essential for the survival of our Craft. He assisted in delivering this year's Awards to three other recipients:

1. Dr. Kathleen Kutolowski, for her years of dedicated re-

search in Masonic history
2. Ill. John W. McNaughton, 33°, for his leadership and support of Masonic Education and Research across the Valleys of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.
3. M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick, for making Masonic Education and the promotion of the study of Masonic Ritual a priority across the State of New York and for his Masonic Compact.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

St. John's Weekend June 21-June 24

The MCC Campus will be alive with sounds of music at our St. John's Festival on Saturday, June 23rd!!! The event runs from 10 a.m. — 5 p.m. It is a fun-filled family day with free entertainment, games, rides, craft booths, an Antique Car Show and great food.

Angie Caiola, Director of Community Relations, says, "The carnival-like atmosphere is a way of bringing families together to enjoy not only a tradition that Masons participate in, but also provides entertainment for family members in the community."

Although the primary purpose for this weekend is the Investiture Service of the appointed District Deputies and Staff Officers, it is also an opportunity for the Brethren to

visit with residents of the Campus and other Brothers of the Fraternity.

Tours of our entire campus, including our brand new Wiley Hall and our new state-of-the-art Skilled Nursing Health Pavilion will be available.

The highlight of Saturday will be the Parade at 3 p.m., led by the LaBanda Rosa Marching Band. The parade will bring the Grand Lodge Officers to the Chapel, where they will be invested in their Office for the next year.

Rain or shine — make plans NOW to attend this Masonic event — an event that takes place each year on the Masonic Care Community Campus. Angie Caiola, Director of Community Relations says, "We guarantee you a great time!"

Damascus News - See Page 9

Dated Material



Editor's Corner

An interesting discussion occurred at the last meeting of the Masonic Service Bureau's Board of Directors which bears some ADDRESSING. While this is not directly related to my position as Editor, this is where I can express an opinion.

You may know that the Bureau offers Grants to Charitable Organizations in our area and Student Scholarships. One of the stipulations is, the recipient or a representative must attend our Awards Ceremony. This year the Ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 21st, at 7:00 p.m. at the Damascus Shrine Center in Webster.

Because it is often unknown, a suggestion was made to specify a dress code for these recipients, especially the students. Since I am a habitual suit and tie dresser for Church and Funerals, among other events, I find it disturbing when people show up in informal attire.

That being said, if you are in a position to influence what a recipient will wear to the function, I hope you will suggest appropriate attire. For the young men, a shirt and tie would be nice and a sport jacket would be a bonus.

The letters we send out this year informing the applicants of their success will also ask them to consider their appearance. We hope each is accepted in the tone intended. If there is a question on what to wear, contact someone on the committee.

Thanks for reading

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By James Ghent, President

As we approach the camping season, we generally make plans for the cleanup at Camp DeMolay. Some of the activities that are going to take place are the Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District will be sending a representative to visit the facility to determine how to minimize soil erosion caused by water run-off and other erosion and drainage problems existing at the Camp.

In 1944, Wayne County was declared a soil & water conservation district. The mission of this district was to serve as a local agency to manage, protect and conserve the county's soil, water and natural resources.

Today the Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation District, SWCD, continues to serve the public with the highest level of quality and professionalism by delivering thirteen programs and services vital to our natural resources.

The programs and services that pertain most directly to Camp DeMolay, and the Service Bureau as the landowner, are: Erosion Control and Stream-bank Stabilization, General Soil Assessments, Cartographic Services. However, the Wayne County SWCD provides many other services.

There are some concerns and programs to address the soil erosion problems caused to properties that are on Lake Ontario, and we will be investigating which programs may apply to correcting some of the camp's problems.

'The Lake Ontario Coastal Initiative' (LOCI) (http://www.ceinfo.org/loci/index.php) is a public/private partnership, tal Information (CEI) in cooperation with the Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FL-LOWPA) and SUNY Brockport. This description is contained in the minutes of the Lake Plains Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils meeting of December 14, 2006.

A request has been made for volunteers from some of the local organizations to assist in the cleanup activities at the Camp. More help will be required. Please contact the Service Bureau Office if you are able to lend-a-hand.

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October 28th Interfaith Service and Brunch

Sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau, the 66th Interfaith Service and Brunch will be held on Sunday, October 28th. We have a new venue this year, with the closing of Logan's Party House. This event will be held in East Rochester, and the Country Party House, 321 East Linden Avenue.

The Service will be at 10 a.m., with representatives of the Catholic community, Jewish faith and Protestant denominations joining once again to worship the Great Architect of the Universe. R.: W.: Paul A. Gleason, Jr., Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, who has arranged the Service for many years, will again be directing the proceedings.

Following the Service, we will have a buffet brunch. The Committee is reviewing information on possible recipients of the Distinguished Community Service Award, which is presented to an individual selected for their volunteer efforts in support of various organizations. If you know of such an individual, send a resumé to R.: W.: M. Donald Darrohn, Vice-President of the Bureau and Chairman of this year's event. His home address is: 229 Buckhill Drive, Rochester, NY 14626-3106.

Tickets will be available in time for the September meetings of all Lodges and Concordant Bodies. Mark your calendar now, so you save the date. Help support the Masonic Service Bureau and recognize the achievements of this year's Award winner.

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Save the Date Interfaith Service and Brunch Sunday, October 28th

DO YOU HAVE AN AGENT? NYS Has a new Final Disposition Law

Many New Yorkers already have a Health Care Proxy but now there is a new Public Health Law, effective August 2006, which allows them to appoint a "Final Disposition Agent". This law allows an individual to appoint a person they trust - such as a family member or close friend - to act as their "agent" or legal representative - to control the disposition of their remains following death.

Your "agent" would have the legal authority and responsibility to ensure that the deceased's wishes concerning final disposition are carried out as intended. Funeral directors, cemeteries, crematories and other providers involved in the process of final disposition must follow the deceased's directions, as well as any decision made by the agent if there are no specific written instructions.

By appointing an agent, an individual is making sure that his or her wishes are honored by significantly reducing any chance that family members or others who disagree with these plans can alter them. In addition, a person may also give the agent specific instructions concerning details for the funeral and/or burial.

We will send copies of the new FINAL DISPOSITION AGENT FORM to you to complete and give to your agent. We will also be pleased to answer your questions about this important new consumer legislation. Additional information about appointing a "Final Disposition Agent" is also available on our website at: www.CrawfordFuneralHome.com.

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Leadership

Here is the conclusion of the Leadership article published in last month's *Masonic Times*. It is reprinted with permission of Steve Schilling, Matawan Lodge in New Jersey and co-owner of an online Masonic forum, www.MasonicDiscussion.com

Investigating Committees

There is no greater importance than guarding the West Gate. Being able to weed out poor candidates is paramount. This also will give you the opportunity to start grooming new candidates into proper Masons by giving you first contact with the candidate. Don't underestimate the importance of this. As one of the first contacts with the Lodge you are on the front line for any questions or suggestions the candidate might have and need. Bonding early with this new Brother give you the opportunity to help mold the type of Mason he will become.

Mentor

Volunteer to be a mentor and help new Brothers learn their oaths and ritual work, but don't ignore the more important aspects of mentoring. Our new Brothers coming into the Lodge really don't have a good sense of what a Freemason is or what he does, he will be looking for direction. Be there to give it to him. Don't be hesitant on taking him out for a beer and discussing your ideas. As with the investigating committee don't underestimate the importance of influencing this Brother during his first formative steps.

Education Committees

For some reason today the word education has become a four-letter word in the Craft. You may want to substitute it with the word Reformation or Enlightenment. This will allow you to recommend reading material and discussion groups that will give the new Brother a sense of direction.

Charity Committees

Nearly every Lodge has one and they nearly always try to give the money away the second

it hits their palms to outsiders. Charity begins at home; we are the most neglected part of our charity programs.

Before we give away all our alms to others, try to see if anyone in your Lodge (or district) could use the help first. Do your Lodge Brother's children have shoes or a winter coat? Is there food on the table at home? Do any of our elderly, widows, or sick Brothers need their lawns cut? Leaky roofs repaired? Sidewalks mended? I have heard of many a Brother going without because we've given all our money to others. A Brother, nor his family, will ever forget the support the Lodge and his Brothers showed them in a time of need.

Buildings and Regalia

Nothing shows that we do not value ourselves more than a Lodge in disrepair, replete with tattered regalia.

Think of it as Job Interview

Would we make a good first impression? Would anyone want to work for us?

Is your building an eye sore? Humans are visual creatures, and how we appear to many is what we are. If we have a run down building, if our building's appearance is dated, if our regalia is tarnished and tattered; than that is what we will be to the public at large, A run down, dated and tattered Lodge. Hardly the image that would have men flocking to the doors.

I know Brothers that would use duck tape to keep their aprons in place if they could. Make sure your aprons are clean and are not tattered and make sure your jewels are polished. Cleaning and polishing once or twice a year is not a hardship.

We have a vast and talented membership pool to pull from. Offset the cost of renovating and landscaping by using Lodge members for labor. You would be surprised what a few hundred dollars and some imagination can do.

Did You Know That?

By Phil Hurwitz

A Lodge that has a Trustee's Certificate on file with the New York Department of State, enjoys many of the same benefits and immunities as a business corporation. *Source: New York Benevolent Orders Law Sec. 3-a.*

A Lodge cannot borrow money to purchase or improve real estate, unless it petitions for, and receives permission from, a New York State Supreme Court Justice. *Source: New York Benevolent Orders Law Sec. 3*

If a Lodge's Charter is revoked or surrendered to Grand Lodge, or if the Lodge becomes extinct (goes "dark"), then the Trustees of the Lodge are obligated to satisfy all debts owing out of the Lodge property. Any residue remaining is to be remitted to the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund. *Source: New York Benevolent Orders Law Sec. 5 (2).*

A Lodge Trustee must be a New York State Resident. *HBML, Supp. Sec. 899.*

A Lodge must have at least three (3) Trustees, and may have up to Five (5) Trustees. Every Brother in good standing is eligible to become a Trustee, except an elected Officer (Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary). *HBML, Supp. Sec. 888.*

Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

Whew!! The Tax Season rush is over! Now we can relax and turn our thoughts to Spring and Summer activities. Let us all enjoy the good and endure the bad; change what we can and let what we can't pass as quickly as possible.

Mistakes! Who makes mistakes? Everyone makes mistakes occasionally! If you filed your tax return before April 3rd and have not received your refund check yet, you may have made one or more of the following common mistakes made by individuals this year:

1) Choosing the wrong filing status. For example, taxpayers often incorrectly claim the "head of household" filing status without meeting the requirements for that status.

2) Failing to include or using incorrect social security numbers. As stated in an earlier article, the names and social security numbers included on a return must agree exactly with your social security cards.

3) Failing to put your information on the correct line of the return. Some list their taxable pension income on the line for Schedule E income and then on the New York State return they try to deduct that pension on the line for federal adjustments. This frequently generates letters from both governments which upsets and scares the individual.

4) Did you sign and date your return? If not, it will not be accepted until it is.

5) Did you claim a dependent that either does not qualify or claimed themselves on their own return? College students file returns without talking to their parents

and can cause problems for them and their parents.

6) Failing to check if you are liable for the Alternative Minimum Tax. More taxpayers are becoming liable for the AMT because of the changing tax laws.

7) Many taxpayers are incorrectly computing the Telephone Excise Tax Refund.

Two enhancements to the IRS website feature, "Where's My Refund?" now allow taxpayers to safely and easily trace their lost refund checks and update their mailing address online from the convenience of their own home or office.

Taxpayers can securely access their personal refund information by entering their social security numbers, filing statuses, and the exact amounts of their refunds. These "shared secrets" data, known only to the taxpayer and IRS, verify the person is authorized to access that account. Simple instructions guide taxpayers through the steps needed to begin the trace action.

The enhanced features also allow them to change or correct their mailing addresses when their refund checks have been returned to the IRS as undeliverable. When they make the address change online, it automatically updates the IRS database and advises them of the dates they should receive their refund checks.

New York State has added a new section to the Tax Law to provide a volunteer firefighters' and ambulance workers' tax credit for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007. The credit is a \$200 refundable tax credit available to each full-year New York State resident who

serves as an active volunteer firefighter or a volunteer ambulance worker for the entire tax year for which the credit is claimed.

An active volunteer firefighter is a person who meets the definition of this term under the General Municipal Law (GML). The GML states, "Active volunteer firefighter means a person who has been approved by the authorities in control of a duly organized volunteer fire company or volunteer fire department as an active volunteer firefighter of such fire company or department and who is faithfully and actually performing service in the protection of life and property from fire or other emergency, accident or calamity in connection with which the services of such fire company or fire department are required."

A volunteer ambulance worker is a person who meets the definition of this term under the GML. The GML states, "Volunteer ambulance worker means an active volunteer member of an ambulance company as specified on a list regularly maintained by the company for purposes of the volunteer ambulance workers' benefit law."

A taxpayer who receives a real property tax exemption under Title 2 of Article 4 of the Real Property Tax Law relating to such service is not eligible for the credit. Taxpayers who file a joint return and who each qualify for the credit may both claim the credit on their joint return.

Taxpayer Due Dates:

- April 30 - First Quarter Payroll Reports Due
- May 15 - April Payroll Taxes
- May 31 - Exemption Organization Returns

If you have any tax questions, please forward them to: tmichie1@rochester.rr.com

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By Don Brugger

At our March meeting, the Muscular Dystrophy Fund Augmentation Committee, co-chaired by Brothers Cy White and George Springett, shared their thoughts on new ways to boost contributions. Several activities that are already in place (Tall Cedar's refreshment service, donations received with the dues and individual, voluntary donations throughout the year) were reviewed. In addition to these, Spaghetti Dinners and 50/50 Drawings were suggested. If you have any ideas, or would like to volunteer to participate in activities to raise our donations, please call one of the Officers.

We ask that you support any effort we decide to employ. Don't forget, we hope to participate in the local Labor Day Muscular Dystrophy Telethon.

Getting the Message Out

At the same meeting, there was some discussion about putting together "The Tall Cedars Story," for presentation at local Lodges as part of our Member-

ship Program for this year. A letter is being developed for distribution to the individual Lodges to see if there is any interest in this as a Lodge program. Wakan-Hubbard Lodge is having a Concordant Body Night and has invited us to participate. This will be an opportunity to try this idea. The Grand Tall Cedar handed out two Petitions to everyone present, putting the means of increasing membership directly into our hands. If you would like to find out more about this program, or obtain Petitions, please call the Grand Tall Cedar at 621-5764.

Looking Ahead

Another reminder to all those who have participated in the Degrees ... please study your parts for a Spring Conferral. All those who would like to participate in the Degrees, please contact one of the Officers or me. We need backups for the principal parts. Plans were to firm up assignments for roles at our April meeting in preparation for Conferral at the May meeting. Any Woodsman who would like to volunteer for the Degrees or the Calling Committee, please contact me at 458-6125 or email dbrugger@juno.com. We need your help.

We are still looking for volunteers to help procure and transport the beverages for our Sausage Roast on Wednesday, June 27th, at the Kiwanis Club Camp Smile. If interested, call me at

458-6125 or Don Wright at 621-5764.

Sickness and Distress

Gordon Ball continues to recover at home after a prostate procedure. Ray DiJames has had tests to determine what treatment will resolve his back problems. He is getting around a little better with medication. Dory Zabel is doing well after eye surgery and Ramona Dimino fared well with cataract surgery. I am sure any of those mentioned would be happy to hear from you.

If you know of a Woodsman or Cedarette who is ill or in need of our aid or sympathy, please call one of the Officers or me.

Don't forget, this is your Forest; it needs you to reMember it.

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I hope that all Brothers, wives and widows, who went to the 3rd Annual Livingston District Ladies Night, had a great time! Now don't forget the Livingston Communion Breakfast on May 20th. The Grand Master and many of the Grand Line will be there. The Grand Master, M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick, will be our guest speaker. I am sure he will have some interesting things to say. So, please come and hear what he has planned for the next year in Masonry.

Livingston District is doing much better with our Ritual. We still have a way to go, but we are doing great!

R.: W.: Ed Dickson had a bout in the hospital over Easter time. I sure hope that you are doing better now and feeling well enough to travel. I know you have been to everything the District has put on and I personally thank you for your support of this great District. To me, you have been a pillar of strength, a true Brother and friend over these last three years and I expect it will continue for a long time to come!

Nunda Station presented the first Grand Lodge "Certificate of Appreciation for Excellence in Service to the Community" to the Nunda Volunteer Ambulance Service. This ceremony was quite impressive and the award was well earned. W.: Bill, you did a fine job recognizing this group deserved the award. A lot of work to get the award was done by R.: W.: Gerald Hussong and W.: William Wright. Thank you, Brothers.

I trust you're all ready to support the new Line in your Lodges. They will try to meet expectations and will require your support and respect, as you've given this past year.

I also ask the Masters to send me their Summer Trestleboard so your District Team can show our support.

Grand Steward Livingston



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Things are slowing down a bit. We start off May with the Livingston District Talent Show on May 4th. Nunda Station Lodge will be our host at Keshqua Central School. Let us all get out and lend our support. After the show we have a day to get ready for our trek to New York City and our 226th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. We will be saddling up to leave Sunday morning from Rochester International Airport.

Let's not forget our Mothers on May 13th, and on May 20th our Annual Communion Breakfast at the Universal Church in Mount Morris. Grand Master Neil I. Bidnick will be our honored guest along with some of the Grand Line. Mount Morris Lodge will host our Association Meeting and Investiture on May 21st.

Let me say a few words about my visit to the Jurisdiction of Tennessee. I had an opportunity to visit Dayton Lodge, which is about thirty miles north of Chattanooga, along the foothills of the Cumberland Mountains. My daughter, Amy, lives there and teaches at a school nearby. It happened that Dayton Lodge was having its Stated Communication while I was in town. I accepted an invitation from Brother Roy Etherton to attend. It was interesting to observe the Ritual performed in another Jurisdiction. The Master invited me to the East and accepted a framed copy of our Masonic Compact, two copies of our *Masonic Times* and some lapel pins from our Grand Lodge as well as pins from the Livingston District. It was a great experience.

After that we trekked back over the mountain to Nashville where I visited the Grand Lodge Building on 7th and Broadway. It was originally a Scottish Rite Temple and was purchased by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1937. Observance Lodge holds their Communication in the Grand Lodge building. The Brothers of that Lodge gave my family a tour. I also drove by Hiram Lodge in Franklin, which was built in 1823 as the first three-story building west of the Allegheny Mountains. It was used as a hospital during the carnage of the Civil War "Battle of Franklin." Hiram Lodge has held their Communication there since 1823. It was particularly interesting to me to find that many of our well-known country artists are members of Hiram Lodge. It is great to be part of a Fraternity where everywhere you go you have friends you haven't even met yet. Each Brother I met sent their best to the Brothers in the State of New York.

I refer you to my article in the Scottish Rite Section where I discuss my visit with Brother Dan Jones, Secretary of the Nashville Valley of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

are living at home. They maintain their independence by being provided with emergency assistance for illness, mobility problems and security issues. Nunda Station Lodge sent a check for \$550 - the cost of a new Lifeline unit with accompanying Personal Help Button. Once again, Masons do their part for the community.

Secretary, Gerald Hussong, has sent an updated 2007 Nunda Station Lodge Trestleboard listing all upcoming events in detail.

By the time you read this article, April 17th has come and gone and along with it the Annual Widows, Ladies and Past Masters Dinner. At this dinner, we took the opportunity to present a special 50 Years of Service Award to the Nunda Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Please keep in mind that the NUNDA FUN DAYS will be coming up in June and our Lodge will once again be participating with its Beef and Pork Food Tent. Plan on bringing your families to support the Lodge in this event.

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We have had good attendance at meetings this year and I hope even more Brothers can attend in the future. Brother Donald Baylor (Ron Baylor's brother) was Raised to the 3rd Degree. I think he has enjoyed the meetings.

The Lodge had several interesting programs. The Livonia Fire Chief gave a presentation about services, including extricating people from wrecked cars. A Town Justice spoke about traffic tickets, mandatory surcharges and other areas of the law. At the last meeting, we had a program concerning tall ships.

The Lodge had a Bowling outing; the participants had a great time. They want to go again! We will be golfing in May to prepare for the tournament in June.

The repairs to the kitchen are going well. Eastern Star members have obviously been involved.

Let me remind any Brothers who have not contributed to the Brotherhood Fund to send a donation. The close of the donation timeline is upon us. Spring is here! Enjoy.

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No. 45

2nd & 4th Thursdays
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Union Lodge conferred the 1st Degree April 12th. We had over 25 Brothers in attendance, including our District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Richard

Trescott, and R.: W.: Richard Howe, Grand Steward from Livingston District.

April 26th, Union Lodge conferred the 2nd Degree on four Brothers. The Degree was very good, as was the Chili meal.

Upcoming Dates May

4th - Livingston District Talent Show at Nunda School.

7th and 8th - 226th Grand Lodge Annual Communication in New York City.

10th - Regular Communication; program to follow.

17th - Rehearsal for the 3rd Degree, 7 p.m.

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Our Grand Master, M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick, delivered a very engaging talk on the Masonic Compact on March 31st at the Damascus Shrine Center in Rochester. M.: W.: Bidnick spoke for about an hour, with no notes, and once again proved that his views on Freemasonry come from the heart. I strongly encourage you all to attend this annual event, as it is always extremely interesting and enjoyable.

There was a fairly good turnout when several Brothers met with the Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Ed Gilbert at John Hodge Lodge on April 7th for an informative question and answer session. As usual, the Brothers of John Hodge Lodge did a fine job with refreshments and there was a good information exchange with our future Grand Master. Many topics were discussed and one could get a sense of where the DGM plans to take New York Freemasonry in the years ahead.

Child ID Program

The O/S/Y District Child ID system had its "burn-in" at Canandaigua Lodge on March 24th. Hats off to R.: W.: Don Dill who picked up \$160 worth of DVDs for the session, as the mini-discs ordered from Grand Lodge did not show up in time. They finally did arrive and we now have 300 for future sessions. Please consider planning a Child ID session ASAP - contact R.: W.: Don Dill, District CHIP Chairman for help and details. Our District efforts toward the Child ID program will get a boost once the Agreement is signed with the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

A quick check of our website, OSYDistrict.org, shows that only two Lodges in our District have taken advantage of the space reserved for each Lodge to post its Trestleboard and/or Newsletter.

A reminder Brothers - please send your Trestleboard and Newsletter to R.: W.: Ken Hall at flntlock@rochester.rr.com. If you are already doing a paper newsletter, why not send the electronic version to Brother Hall for posting? Take advantage of this opportunity to get the word out!

I have the names of five Brothers interested in taking the *Individual Development*

19th - Livingston District Town Meeting at Livonia, 1:30 p.m.

20th - Communion Service and Breakfast at the Mt. Morris Church.

22nd - Association Meeting in Mt. Morris.

23rd - Rehearsal for the 3rd Degree, 7 p.m.

24th - Election of Officers and 3rd Degree. Opening Lodge at 6 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

29th - Investiture at Union Lodge, 7 p.m. All Past Masters, please attend for our new Master's Investiture Service.

31st - Installation of Officers, 6:30 p.m.

Course (iDC). The course will start in September and run through February 2008, on the third Saturday of each month. I have made an inquiry to determine the exact times and locations available. Please visit <http://e-muny.net> for more details on the course or call R.: W.: Ed Carris. We need five more Brothers to get a course to run here in the O/S/Y District.

The Traveling Trowel is now at John Hodge Lodge and you can expect a visit from the Brothers there soon. The Traveling Gavel is at Pocahontas Lodge - why not get seven Brothers together, pay them a visit and seize it for your Lodge!

Several important upcoming dates are included here again this month for the widest possible distribution. Please bring this article to Lodge and relay these dates:

May

5-9 - Grand Lodge, NYC Trip
20 - O/S/Y District Memorial Service at St. Peter's Church, Geneva - 2 p.m.

This will be the 50th Annual Memorial Service. Please make an effort to attend and provide a good show of support for the families of Masons who laid down their Working Tools in 2006.

June

2 - Wayne O/S/Y Golf Tournament at Taranwould Golf Course, Newark - 7 a.m. start
21-24 - St. John's Day Weekend, Utica.

Mark Russell, comedian, musical and political satirist, will be appearing Thursday evening June 21st, for a benefit performance.

All New York Masons should come to St. John's Day activities and see the Utica Campus and all it has to offer as concrete examples of what your Freemasonry is doing today.

August

19 - O/S/Y Golf Tourney at Seneca Lake Country Club.

Please be sure your Lodge sponsors a hole this year. This event is the major fundraiser for O/S/Y District charitable activities.

September

8 - Ark 33 - 200th Anniversary at Club 86

Ark Lodge will be celebrating their 200-Year Anniversary on Saturday, September 8th, at Club 86 in Geneva. The Grand Line, including the Grand Master, will be in attendance.

Please come and support the Brothers from Ark Lodge on this important occasion. Tickets are available now for a \$30 donation; please contact W.: Bob Mattick or me for more information. Two hundred years of Freemasonry in our District is a huge milestone and deserves the attention of all Masons. Please help generate a capacity crowd at Club 86 on September 8th.

For more information about Grand Lodge, O/S/Y District and Lodge news, events and schedules, visit our website: <http://OSYDistrict.org>.

Once again, please email dwlocke@rochester.rr.com to be added to the O/S/Y District email list.

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On March 27th, Eagle Lodge Raised five Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason - Brothers Michael Dick, Charles Reitz (from Eagle Lodge) and Brothers Marvin Verna, Daniel Herbert, and James Tilburg (from John Hodge Lodge). Senior Warden, Brother Tom Shafer, did a wonderful job presenting the Senior Deacon work for this Degree. My thanks to everyone who took part in the Degree, especially the Brothers who took on parts they had not previously presented.

On April 2nd, nine Eagle Lodge Brothers traveled to John Hodge Lodge to visit and present the Traveling Trowel. We were warmly received and enjoyed the fellowship of the John Hodge Brothers.

Eagle Lodge's next monthly Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be held on May 17th (5-7 p.m.). Our monthly fundraiser supports capital improvements for our Masonic Hall. Come on down and enjoy an inexpensive dinner out and, at the same time, support your Lodge or Chapter.

Eagle Lodge will kick off its fundraising season with a Chicken Barbeque on Saturday May 26th in front of Honeoye Auto Parts to benefit our Child ID Program. We will be serving from 11 a.m. 'til gone. All Eagle Brothers are urged to sign up for an early, late, or even an all-day shift to support this event. If you are unable to directly assist, purchasing a dinner or two is the next best thing. This was our most successful fundraiser last year!

Upcoming Events

May

8 - Lodge Program, Anti-Masonic Tape Presentation

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17 - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at Lodge, 5-7 p.m.
 22 - Dinner at Lodge; Hot Dog Roast, 6:30 p.m.
 22 - Program, Election of Officers and Unusual Shirt Contest
June
 12 - Officers' Meeting, 6:15 p.m.
 Lodge Program - Installation of Officers; Grand Lodge Report
 21 - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at Lodge 5-7 p.m.
 26 - Lodge Dark for Summer

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Greetings to all! What a great Spring so far... snowing so hard I can't see the end of my driveway one minute and sunny the next. Hopefully, the good weather will be here soon. The Pot Luck Dinner went great - good food; good meat, we all did eat!

As I said before, we had a little problem with the Spring thaw. We acquired a small pool in our kitchen, but thanks to Bob and Mary Ruggles all is clean. We do need to do some Spring yard work to alleviate further problems. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help or having suggestions, please step forward.

Game nights are over for the season. Hopefully, all who participated enjoyed themselves. Keys were found in our parking lot; call me and we'll get them to you.

May Events

1st - Move-up Night; Let's support the Brothers sitting in the chairs. I'm sure they will do fine.

7th - Our Annual Blood Drive. We still need a few more volunteers. Please contact Bob Ruggles or me.

15th - Election of Officers and Brother Bring-a-Brother Night. Let's try to fill the sidelines to support our Fraternity. Refreshments will be served.

May Birthdays

Brothers David Retchless (5th), John Davis (10th), Gordon Campbell (20th), Dale Gelder and William Smith (22nd) and Glen Webster (27th).

Masonic Anniversaries

Congratulations to these Brothers Raised in May:

- 1950 - Albert Kamm
- 1956 - Kenneth Pedersen and Donald Tiffany
- 1961 - F. Lee Walters and Glen Webster
- 1962 - Robert Kloepfel and James Newman
- 1967 - Jay Ford
- 1970 - Robert Bird, Otis Davis, Richard Houle, Richard Kauder and Howard Lester
- 1971 - Ransie Brooks, James Gostley and Stephen LeRoy
- 1973 - Thomas Hudson
- 1975 - Bobby Dorgan
- 1977 - Bruce Andrews
- 1980 - Chris Howard and Timothy Piper
- 1981 - Garry Clock and Gary Curtiss
- 1986 - Ernest Bishop and Donald Henning
- 1993 - James Allen
- 1996 - Richard Hamelinck and Willard Hamelinck
- 1998 - John Walti

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Ark and Geneva Lodge Officers and Members met to discuss the joint project efforts and participation with various charitable and Masonic events in the coming year. Thanks to Geneva Lodge's Master, Mark Lowe, for hosting the meeting and the many good ideas the Brothers shared. It is my hope in the coming years the two Lodges can work together to assist Geneva in being a community for which we can continue to be proud.

On April 18th, Ark Lodge had Dinner at Emile's Restaurant and, as part of its Regular communication, celebrated its Annual Service Awards Night in appreciation of our members many years of service. Thanks to the recipients and all Brothers that made the dinner and ceremony such a success.

The invitations for the upcoming 200th Year Anniversary will be going out to Ark Lodge members this month and I encourage you to mark your calendars and make your reservation right away.

Upcoming Events
May

1st - O/S/Y District Lodge's RSVP's for tickets and ads 200th year celebration due

7th-8th - Grand Lodge

16th - Annual Meeting/Election of Officers

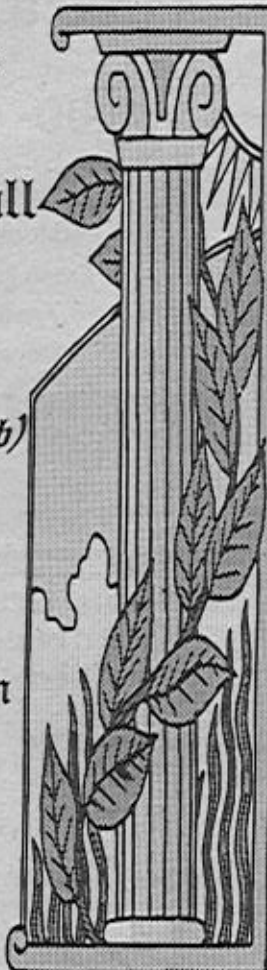
20th - O/S/Y District Memorial Service, St. Peter's Church, Geneva

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As I have traveled around the District during my first year in office, I have been impressed, overall, with the quality of Ritual work I have observed. When the Ritual is performed well, it leaves the Candidate or Brother with a very powerful impression.

On April 9th, I had the pleasure of observing eight Brothers being Raised at the Damascus Shrine Center. Wayne Lodge held their Degree there with permission from the Grand Master and it was the first time I have heard the 3rd Degree Lecture recited in long form. W.: David G. Upham, Sr., a dual member of ERAC Lodge and Clio Lodge, performed the lecture flawlessly, with visual aids of the symbols. It was very impressive! The whole Degree was done VERY well. The newly raised Brothers were most impressed and it showed!

Brothers from many Lodges participated in this Degree. That is one of the great things about our Fraternity. We are very willing to help each other out when needed. Don't hesitate to invite members of other Lodges to participate in your Ritual. Remember, too, that what we are doing in many parts of the Ritual is a form of drama. Proper emphasis should be considered and the words should not be rushed. Sometimes we worry too much about getting every word right and recite our parts so fast it would make an auctioneer proud! If you forget a word it's best to continue on without interrupting the flow of what is being conveyed.

I have also noticed many forms of the Signs and Due Guards. Be conscious of what they allude to and you will be

less likely to do them incorrectly. As I visit your Lodges I try to demonstrate the proper form.

The Ceremony of Investiture for Masters-Elect will take place at our May Masters and Wardens meeting. I will be in touch with some of you to take part in this ceremony and look forward to seeing you all there. "

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On May 7th and 8th, I will represent the Lodge at the 226th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. As I understand it, there will be a few proposals to be read for the first time, and possibly a couple that may come on the floor for a second reading.

At the time this article is written, there has been no information received as to what is coming before this Annual Communication. I am assuming the proposals will have been received and the Lodge, instructions delivered as to how they want me to vote. There will be a new procedure for validating the credentials of each Lodge's representative. He is to have sufficient proof of his identity before receiving the ballots. This means a certificate signed and sealed by the Secretary, plus a 2007 Dues Card and photo ID.

Our Communication on May 2nd will be a regular Communication of the Lodge, with a review of the issues to be presented at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. There will be ongoing discussions about plans for the future. Also, we will be balloting on Candidates for the Fall Class, provided the Investigating/Interviewing Committee has performed its task. Should any Brother know of someone they would like to see become a

member of this Lodge, take a Petition and have it filled out. At present we have two prospective Candidates to act upon. We would like to have a larger class.

By Grand Lodge Law we cannot conduct the Election of Officers until after the 14th of May. That means we will elect the Officers for the 2007-2008 term on May 16th. At this Communication we will also present

District Deputy Grand Master



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The month of May will be very active for all of us as we have Grand Lodge Sessions in New York City on Monday and Tuesday, May 7th and 8th. Lodges will be holding their Election of Officers for the ensuing year and the Joint Investiture Service for all newly elected Masters will be on Friday, May 25th, at Fairport Lodge Hall.

The trip to New York City has been planned and reservations have been made. Some will be staying at the Headquarters Hotel, LaGuardia Crowne Plaza Hotel. Some have made reservations to stay at local downtown hotels in Manhattan and some will be staying with friends or family members while in the city. This year we will need a photo ID, our 2007 Dues Card and a Registration Card in order to obtain the Ballots needed to vote on behalf of our respective Lodges. The Registration Cards have been mailed to the Lodge Secretaries. There will be a tour of Grand Lodge and its many different Lodge rooms on Sunday. Many of us will be attending the Grand Master's Dinner on Monday evening as well. The Masters or their representatives are expected to return to their Lodges and report on the happenings of your Grand Lodge. What votes were taken for a first and second time and their results.

The Election of Officers (Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary and Trustee) for the ensuing year must be chosen annually by ballot, and by a majority of votes, excluding blank ballots, at the first Stated Communication of such Lodge that shall be convened on/or immediately after the second Monday in May, summoned as required by the Charter, and be installed no later than June 30th by an actual Master or Past Master of a Lodge. Secretaries, please remember to send your Election Form into Grand Lodge. This year you will be able to use the MORI system for filing of your Election Form or you may mail in the paper form. Please remember to send a copy either electronically or via paper to your District Deputy as that is the only way we receive them.

The Joint Investiture Service is where all the newly elected Masters of the Monroe District are installed in their Office as a team. They are the ones who have been chosen to run and operate your Lodge for the next

Years of Service Awards to five Brothers within the area. These Awards vary from 50 to 65 years of Service to the Craft and will be presented to: R.: W.: Floyd A. Sheldon (60), W.: William E. Eddy (50), W.: Karel J. Ambrose, Sr. (50), Brother Phillip G. Allen (50), and Brother George M. Pierce (50). In addition, Certificates and Pins will be sent to Brother C. Robert Knapp (65) and Brother George W.

Townsend (50), both of whom are out-of-state and requested theirs be sent to their homes.

There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m., the Lodge will open at 7:30 p.m. We will go from Labor to Refreshment and invite any guests into the Lodge for the presentation. Upon conclusion of the presentations we will go back to Labor for the Election of Officers for the ensuing year. "

Masonic year. This is an opportunity for them to socialize with each other and get to know each other better as a person. They will need to work together to accomplish their, and your Lodge's, goals for the coming year. If you are a Past Master, please plan to attend this event to show your support for them. Remember when you were first installed and how you felt with everyone there supporting you. This will be held at the Fairport-Flower City Lodge, Steak Dinner at 6:30 p.m. with the Service to start at 7:30 p.m. Our current Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Edward G. Gilbert, will be the guest speaker for the evening.

We, as your District Officers, are here to help and support you and your Lodge in all of our Masonic endeavors. "

Grand Director of Ceremonies

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March started with the last session of *Road to the East* at Avon Springs. Fourteen Brothers successfully completed the program. Derek, Gary or I will be visiting the five Lodges with Certificates and Pins for the Brothers who worked hard to complete this course which "covers the waterfront" on how to be Master of your Lodge.

I got to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and have three fine Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinners - the first with my wife at home, the second with my Unity Lodge Brothers, and the third with my Irish sailing companions.

The second Secretary's MORI Class at Union Star was very enlightening and I learned a whole lot of things which the system can do if the Secretary puts the information in properly. Without a cookbook, I have the uncanny ability to forget all that kind of stuff but I did get some clues about who knows their stuff and can help me if I ever find the energy to volunteer for that post in my Lodge.

The Shrine Degree Team, of which I am an active member, conferred two 3rd Degrees this month - first at Auburn Lodge. Yes it is in Auburn and you get home after midnight, but going there each year I see the Candidates I helped Raise sit in the chairs of their Lodge and I find that very rewarding. The second conferral was at Wakan-Hubbard Lodge where the fellowship and meal were outstanding. I was also proud to attend the last School of Ritual of this Masonic year that was held at Clio Lodge and which so many of my Unity Brothers attended. I did not get a count, but I did run out of fingers and toes. The month closed with the AASR Masonic College of Freemasonry. The speakers were all inspiring and very knowledgeable of their subject matter. This is planned to be an annual event and is something every Mason, especially new Masons, should attend to improve themselves and acquire further light. It is our duty to ourselves to improve our Masonic knowledge and help spread the cement of Brotherhood! "

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As we will have a few minutes to compose ourselves before continuing, we are going to stop to take on a load of water for our Tender and, at the same time, switch crews. We have sent orders for the next crew to head to the Northeast as many aboard will need to attend Grand Lodge in New York City. They will be allowing us to park at Penn Station for the duration of Grand

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Lodge and then proceed back to the country.

Because of their hard work and passion for the Craft we are asking our Assistant Grand Lecturers to take over the controls of our mighty engine. Both V.:W.: John Dyer and V.:W.: Harry DeHollander have worked hard to encourage the Brothers to come to the various Schools of Ritual held in their Lodges this year. It's a fitting reward for their efforts.

As one who has attended the Schools of Ritual, I can attest to the time and effort these two Brothers have spent trying to educate the Lodges. I can also attest to the frustration that they have as many Brothers who should be in attendance, seldom attended. I can understand work schedules and that we are a volunteer organization; however, as the Grand Master said recently, "Masonry is a way of life." We have found that we can all learn something new, even if we have been in the Craft for many years.

The other day, I was talking to Brother John Foster of Fame Lodge who indicated that his father was a conductor on the New York Central for many

years. It's only fitting that we have a Conductor for our "train." So, Brother John will take on these responsibilities for our trip to New York City. Conductors were, and are, very important to the operation of running a train.

We thank Brothers who occupied the rear of the train and kept watch over our progress this past month. They will be instructing the new crew made up of Brothers Bernard Russell and Worshipful Ron Bryant of Webster Lodge for this trip. What's more, W.: Ron is heading for an additional conference in New Jersey prior to Grand Lodge and this will offer him an alternate method of getting there.

Sometimes we take ourselves too seriously and the "medium" of the train in writing these messages is a fun way to express my thoughts to all of you. Besides, it's an opportunity to involve many Brothers into the stories and reach out to you in this manner. We are all here to learn from each other. Each of us has our own way of expressing ourselves and if we can challenge each other, we will be more successful in our daily activities. ✕

Master to act on his behalf for his respective District. He has the responsibility to implement the Grand Master's plan and coordinate the Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen within the District. He is obligated to visit each Lodge within his assigned District at least once each year in order to convey the Grand Master's message and he can issue Dispensations to Lodges for various reasons on behalf of the Grand Master.

Grand Lodge Staff Officer (GLSO)

The Grand Lodge Staff Officer carries different responsibilities than the DDGM. He is also appointed by and works directly for the Grand Master. His primary responsibility within the District is Masonic Education, i.e. the *Road to the East*, the *Masonic Development Course* and *LSOME*. In the Monroe District, the Staff Officer works with the AGLs to coordinate their respective activities, thus eliminating conflicts in dates. The GLSO is also required to visit each Lodge within the District at least once each calendar year. These dates may or may not coincide with the DDGM visit. It is the hope that the District Deputy Grand Master and Grand Lodge Staff Officer(s) work closely together as a team to coordinate and administer all Grand Lodge programs during their terms in office.

The Process

How does one become a Grand Lodge Officer?

The process for becoming a District Deputy Grand Master or Grand Lodge Staff Officer is the same. The main requirement is that a Brother must be a Past Master of a Lodge before being appointed on St. John's Day each year in Utica. Each position serves a two-year term, which coincides with the term of a Grand Master. A list of all requirements will be included with the application form.

By the end of June, Grand Lodge will send each Lodge Secretary several applications for these positions. If interested, a Brother can fill out one of these applications and then submit it to the Purple Club for consideration. It is the duty of the Vice-President of the Purple Club to choose an interviewing committee that will review all applications as well as interview each applicant. After the interviews are concluded, this committee will address the Purple Club Members. After discussion, a ballot of the potential candidates is taken. The Purple Club then recommends those individuals they believe will best fulfill these positions to Grand Lodge for the Grand Master's consideration.

If you are considering applying for one of these positions, I can assure you that, if you ask any Brother who is a "Purple," he will inform you that he found his term in office to be a learning, busy and enjoyable experience, and one that he will cherish for the rest of his life.

I can think of no other time in my Masonic career that I enjoyed more than when I had the opportunity to represent you, the Brothers of the Monroe District, during my term as a Grand Lodge Staff Officer. I would encourage any Brother who meets the requirements to seriously consider this opportunity. ✕

Searching

By Herb Spencer

The Purple Club of Monroe District is looking for a R.:W.: Brother to assume the position of Secretary-Treasurer for the ensuing term starting in June 2007. If you are interested in securing this position, kindly contact R.:W.: Stephen Whitaker at 223-7630 or by email to cincStephen33@aol.com. ✕

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It gives me great pride to introduce our three newest members of Union Star Lodge - Brothers James Brown, Allen Foehner and Robert Foehner. They were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason



Brother George Foehner receiving Union Star Lodge's Mason of the year Award for 2007.

are proud to have him as one of our Brothers.

The month of May will be a very busy month with our Election and Installation of Officers on May 14th. We will also be putting on another 1st Degree on May 21st with potentially two new Candidates. There will be a dinner before the Degree. If you wish to attend, please contact W.: Scott May at 624-3959. ✕

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I'm sure you won't recognize the writing style because this is my first article since January. Thank you to my Senior Warden, George Todd, who filled in for me. I also thank all my Monroe District Brothers who helped our Lodge and me through this difficult time. My recollection is a little clouded, but I am on the road to recovery.

On Saturday, March 31st, Brother Robert Pederson, Past Master of Clio, Brother Sonny Sassone and I attended the *College of Freemasonry*. The speakers and their messages were very inspiring.

That was a very busy week beginning with our Spaghetti Dinner on March 28th, followed by the last *School of Ritual* for this year on the 29th. V.:W.: John Dyer and V.:W.: Harry DeHollander, acted as the School Masters. They did an interesting job of advising and directing the first part of the 3rd Degree. We had the pleasure of hosting Brothers from our own District and Brothers from other Districts. R.:W.: Roy Moses and R.:W.: Richard Trescott were there and contributed to the work. We had a well-informed evening learning some new changes for the Degree with Levity provided by our Brother, W.: Skip Waterstreet, and others.

We conferred the 2nd Degree for a new Brother on March

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News from the Purple Club of the Monroe District

2008 Grand Lodge Officers

By R.:W.: James De Lorenzo

The selection process of the 2008 Grand Lodge Officers for the Monroe District is right around the corner.

- Are you ready to step forward and take the reigns?
- Have you ever thought about wearing a Purple Apron?
- Are you ready to accept the challenge to lead the Monroe Masonic District?

Leadership is the key. Every family, business, organization, community, state, etc. will not survive without individuals with strong leadership capabilities. The Masonic Fraternity has that leadership base. It is called the Purple Club. This is a group of Brothers who were not asked to lead but sought out leadership roles. They had a vision of a clear direction for the Monroe District and enthusiasm for the Craft when they stepped forward.

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Clio Lodge

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20th, presented by Brother Scott Brickman, Past Master of Clio. Brother Mike Grady presented the Middle Chamber, which was excellent. Brother Joe Gallant and V.: W.: Harry DeHollander gave the Questions and Answers. Past Master Sean Noonan presented the 3rd Degree on the 17th of April with Brother Gus Neidrich III, giving the Working Tools; Brother Jeff Ross gave the Charge.

I have not been very active in my duties as Master, but I am working to catch up. I sent out my last mailing for the Brotherhood Fund, as the program is approaching the end. If you have sent in your contribution I thank you; if not, please respond to help support our Fund Drive! The Widows Luncheon on April 21st at the Burgundy Basin Inn reminded the Ladies that we have not forgotten their husbands.

Annual Ox Roast

Remember, we have our 42nd Annual Ox Roast coming on May 5th. Tickets are available from our Secretary, Sean Noonan. Please join us from 4-7:30 p.m. and enjoy a great meal. The cost is reasonable - \$10 - Adults, \$9 - Seniors, \$6 - Children. Our Spaghetti Dinners will be on May 16th and 30th. After a great Beef Dinner, try our Spaghetti and Meatballs for \$5.50 - all you can eat.

Sickness and Distress

My Brothers and I wish our sister from Leah Chapter, Nancy Taber, a speedy recovery. We missed her cheerful laughter at our last Spaghetti Dinner; we hope she will be on her feet in no time. I wish all my Brothers, who are not feeling well, a speedy recovery.

Our new Officers move up on May 1st, with Nominations and Elections of Officers on May 15th.

Our Birthday Brothers are John Dianni, Kay Dodds, Ron Forbes, Warren Hall, Arthur Miller, Ken Mullen, Andrew Paddyfoote, Gary Thompson, Daniel Wilson II and me.

Spring is the season for new growth and we, my Brothers, begin anew.

Thank you to all the Brothers who turned out for the last School of Ritual held at Clio Lodge. We had quite a few Brothers in attendance.

Elections will be the first meeting in May. Please plan on attending. It is your duty to vote.

We will be cleaning the Lodge the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays in May. We start at 9 a.m. Remember ... Many hands make light work. Thanks.

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By Herbert Spencer

With our Worshipful Master Richard DeCroce physically absent from our midst, he calls on a regular basis, asking how things are going. His new mansion is coming along as expected. Someone recently told me that the Masons there (Tennessee) have given him a new name. They do not call him "Boss Hog." We will have to wait until he returns to find out that name. In the meantime I am told he will be with us real soon. When he returns, I hope we can understand him with his new drawl.

I, R.: W.: Herbert Spencer, will be going as Proxy for the Lodge to the Grand Lodge Communication in New York City on May 5th, returning sometime on May 8th. If I get back from New York early enough I will be at Lodge that night and give a report.

Trestleboard Change

There is a fly in our Trestleboard! We will NOT be able to have our Elections and Annual Reports at our April 8th Stated Communication.

The following is in accordance with the Grand Lodge Constitutions #302, which was amended 5/1/2006. Therefore, we reiterate that, in accordance with the Constitutions and the By-laws of your Lodge, the Annual Election of Officers in your Lodge must take place at the First Stated Communication of your Lodge that shall be convened on/or immediately after (Monday, May 14th) the Second Monday in May, summoned as required by Charter, and be installed no later than June 30th by an actual Master or Past Master of a Lodge.

What does this mean for Valley-Simes Lodge? Our May, Stated Communication for 2007 is scheduled for May 8th which is the day the Grand Lodge Communication ends. As you can see May 8th comes before May 14th therefore we cannot hold our elections until our next Stated Communication, which falls on Tuesday, June 12th. Your Officers are planning for a program and dinner for the May Communication.

The Officers and new Master have decided not to have an Open Installation due to the above situation. We will have a closed, tiled election followed by the Installation of Officers. There will be a dinner; more information will follow.

Our April 10th meeting was an open meeting with the ladies and guests. It was a huge success. We had over 50 for dinner, and a few drop-ins who just came to see Paul Stillman as "A Native American." Our Junior Warden, W.: Dave Mura, provided a sumptuous dessert for after the presentation. However, our Chief Cook "Chef Chucky" aka Charles Skopinsky outdid himself with the Steak Dinner and the extras. Thank you, Chef Chucky.

Sickness and Distress

Hey, another month without having to report a Brother being summoned to that Great Place in the Sky. However, under sickness and distress I do have a report. W.: Howard Belt missed the last meeting due to a very bad cold. Hopefully, by now, he has recovered. W.: Gary Caswell will be undergoing major back surgery on May 16th. Kindly wish him a speedy recovery by sending him a card (172 Norwich Drive, Rochester NY 14624) or calling his home (594-4160). Also, Brother Paul Stillman underwent serious throat (thyroid) surgery on April 20th at the Buffalo VA. Brother Stillman is the person who acted as "A Native American" at our April meeting. His home address is Paul Stillman, 6815 County Rd 119, Cameron Mills NY 14820.

May Birthdays

Congratulations to the following Brothers on their May Birthday's. Carl Pigage (1st) Raul Fernandez (3rd), Andrew Bauridel (6th), Gordon Kotzin (14th), Robert Knyrim (22nd), Michael Hueston (23rd), Timothy Babcock (24th), Gary Burke (26th), Daniel Miller (27th) and Russell Garrison (29th).

If you see any of these Brothers don't forget to wish them well. Also, don't forget to call or write them and let them know you are thinking of them. If you need addresses or phone numbers, call me.

Masonic Anniversaries

Brothers celebrating their Masonic Anniversary this Month are Harry Steinorth, Russell Garrison, Robert Geiwitz, Jesse Mickelson, George Stear, Raymond Sterling, Donald Johnson, Richard Lippincott, Wesley Warren, Gary Lind, Rex Edwards, David Long, William Babcock, Michael A. Robinson, George Bundoc, Joseph Gingold, Timothy Babcock, Richard DeCroce, Michael McBride, David Ogden and Michael Batz.

There will be a program for the May meeting. Cannot tell you what it is at this time since it has not been confirmed. There will also be a dinner and again I don't know what it is. Reservations for the May 8th dinner are to be made to either Herb Spencer 334-7493, email hspence1@rochester.rr.com; Dave Mura at 637-8695, email bigdave@rochester.rr.com or Mike McBride 315-904-4024, mcbride1@rochester.rr.com. Dinner cost to Valley-Simes members is \$5 per person.

Please read your *Masonic Times*, there are many, activities going on in the Monroe District that you may wish to attend. There are also many interesting articles to read. I look forward to breaking bread and greeting each of you in Lodge.

Scholastic and Grant Awards - June 21st

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By the time you read this, our 2nd Degree will (with a little luck and God's good graces) be history. We will have two more Fellowcrafts in our Lodge and another will be taking his 2nd Degree in another Lodge because of work constraints.

As I study for this Degree, I am reminded about the Cabletowing and where it fits in Masonry. As you may have noticed, this article has not been in the previous two issues of the *Masonic Times*. I apologize for this. This is where you get your information about Fame Lodge. There were a few hours in the last three months where I could have sat down and put my ideas to the keyboard. The problem was fatigue. By the time it hit me to sit and write, it was past midnight as it is now and I was just "too pooped to pop."

As many of you know, when I was elected Master of Fame Lodge, I told you and the Lodge that I would do the best I could as Master. I was involved in a Barbershop Chorus and a Quartet, and an Officer in the Barbershop Chapter. I also play bass guitar and sing in a band. I like to sing at church when I can and, most of all, my 7-year-old daughter, Lindsey, and my ever-understanding wife, Linda, require my time as well.

These things have not changed. I am still trying to keep it all together. You won't want to hear this, but, unfortunately, Masonry has taken a back seat to most of this. The reason for this is that we have some superb Officers in Fame Lodge and I don't have to micro-manage everything. I do think about Lodge quite a bit. I just cannot find the time to massage things, and put things together like rehearsals, etc. as well as I wish them to be.

This is where a big THANK YOU goes out to our Secretary, Dave Foster and his sidekick, our Treasurer, Frank Churnetski. These two Brothers are responsible for keeping the business side of the Lodge running and have done one heck of a job this year (and I hope they can carry on for many years to come).

Along with them; our Senior Deacon Glenn Campbell, Jun-

ior Warden Doug Jones, Chaplain John Rhebach, Junior Deacon Scott Barnard (who stepped in when "Rocky" Verstrete passed on in September of 2006); our Trustees, Bob Avery, Don Krech and Keith Moore. These Brothers all have fulfilled their duties and more this past year. A special thank you also to Harold Metzler, our "permanent visitor." He filled a couple of chairs and really helped me out this year. In addition, all of the Brothers who filled the sidelines and stepped up to fill a chair or two this past year. It is because of you that this Lodge continues. Thank you to all.

Our Senior Warden has not only re-learned the Ritual this year, but has continued on as a "Steward of a sort," as he has done for many years. He coordinated all the dinners and made sure we had coffee and sweets after every meeting. To this, my most heartfelt thanks go out to Dick Topel.

Now, for some upcoming Fame Lodge dates. Pay no attention to my original Trestleboard. On May 10th, we will have a 3rd Degree preceded by a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. May 24th will be our Election and Installation of Officers. If you have a desire to fill a chair and be an Officer for next term, make it known to either me, Doug Jones or Dave Foster. I cannot guarantee that this will be your chair, but it will help the Lodge, as a whole, if you step up and make this known to one of us.

The Monroe District will be holding The Joint Investiture Service and Dinner on Friday, May 25th, at Fairport Masonic Temple. For this you not only need a reservation, but you must be a Past Master or a Master-Elect of a Lodge. Please contact me if you would like to attend.

My wife, daughter and I will be heading to New York City for the first weekend in May, as I will be attending Grand Lodge on the 7th and 8th. A lot of neat stuff is coming up for a vote this year and I will report in full upon return. Stay tuned.

Thanks again to all my Brothers and their ladies for all your support and still believing in Fame Lodge. You are the reason that we still have a Lodge and enjoy the fellowship that we do.

Always remember that many hands make light work. See you in Lodge. Peace.

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It is my sad duty to inform the Brethren of the passing of Worshipful Floyd Seeley, aka "Seal the Clown." Brother Seeley was called home by the Great Architect on April 6th. He will be greatly missed.

Thank you to Senior Warden Don Hunter for sitting in the East for our first meeting in April. The meeting was preceded by a wonderful dinner put on by the Eastern Star Chapter. Thank you ladies!

The Lodge is still looking for men to become Officers and take that first step toward the East. Please contact Senior Warden Don Hunter if you are interested in becoming an Officer.

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Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

May 2007



DONALD ROSE, POTENTATE

I come to you with the knowledge that our current year is beginning to take shape. We have joined with the membership Chairmen and agreed to purchase two major items to be used by his committee to help the Shrine with our goal for a major increase in membership this year. The two items are "Fez Head Fred," and membership photo display unit. With any luck on our part, we will have "Fred" available at the Lilac parade. With any major purchase, concern rises that it must be used often and well to be successful and I have received just such a promise from our Chairmen.

The Brother Bring-a-Friend Night for May 19th is progressing well and we are looking forward to a busy evening and some exciting presentations from our speakers.

Please mark Friday, June 22nd, on your calendar as this will be the date for the Hospital Golf Outing. The golf will be at The Brookwoods (formerly the Ontario Country Club) in Wayne County, and will include lunch, dinner and golf. All proceeds from this event will be going to the Shrine Hospitals. The Potentate's Reception will follow the next day, Saturday, June 23rd, at the Shrine Center.

I was invited to the Lalla Rookh Grotto Awards and Bring-a-Friend Night and received an award for Damascus Shrine. I was pleased to participate in this event, as my grandfather was a life member of this Grotto.

Let me state that this is an important time for membership. One of the most important areas is that of retention, or keeping those members who are currently members, happy and excited about the Shrine. Find a new member and invite him to sit at your table during dinner or with you in the meeting.

Keep your eyes on the News for further updates.

SHRINE LUNCH CLUB

By James Toogood

The next Shrine Lunch Club Ladies Day will be Monday, May 21st, at the Nutcracker Restaurant. Call the Shrine Reservations number at 671-3565 by the morning of May 21st so I can reserve required amount of table space.



JAMES SLOCUM, RECORDER

"The Snowbirds are slowly returning from the sunny South and West. It's good to see them back and I hope they enjoyed the Winter.

Noble Rich Freidman has a big push on for new members and is also trying to bring back some of the Nobles who were lost in the desert. If you know of any Blue Lodge Mason who would make a good Shriner, or any person who is thinking about the Shrine and what we do as an organization, then May 19th is the day set aside for the program to let them know more about the Shrine. It is Brother Bring-a-Brother and/or Brother Bring-a-Friend, and the Noble and his wife or significant other and his guest and significant other gets a free meal. You cannot beat that anywhere you go.

The Tool Raffle tickets are selling well. There are some really good tools that can be won for a small investment of \$20 per ticket.

The second batch of stone caps for the front wall went in for engraving. There are still a lot more spaces to be filled. As it takes a little time to have them done, get your application filled out and to me for the next batch of stones.

The Lilac Parade is fast approaching and it is a call-out parade. I know the Potentate would like to see a good turnout of all the Clubs and Units on May 12th. There will be other parades this Summer, but this is the one that we let the city of Rochester and the visitors to the city know what we are all about. We are planning to get the van, in which we transport patients, into the parade.

The letters have gone out to remind all the Nobles that Dues for 2006 and 2007 are due. If there are any problems and we can be of any help, please let me know.

DAMASCUS LEGION OF HONOR

By Vance Collom, Jr.

The Legion of Honor had an interesting meeting in March with 29 members and guests in attendance. It was great to have 11 Past Commanders at the meeting. Staff Sergeant Joe Forbes, from the 401st Civil Affairs Battalion, gave us a very interesting and informative slide presentation about conditions in Afghanistan and how they have helped the people to re-build their country.

Don't forget to come out to the Shrine meeting on June 6th to help serve a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. We will also need several members to help get ready for the meal on Tuesday, June 5th.

The Legion of Honor is invited to put on a birthday party for a few of the Vet-

crans at the Canandaigua VA Hospital on Wednesday, May 16th. Call the Adjutant, Cy Kloner, PP, or Commander Collom if you would like to participate.

Our next LOH meeting will be at the Shrine Center on May 9th. Cash Bar at 5:30 p.m.; Meatloaf Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Past Commander Charles Hancock (1998) will be speaking about the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Korean War Veterans Memorial

If your travels take you near Washington, DC, it's well worth the time to visit the Korean War Veterans Memorial, near the Lincoln Memorial. The Korean War Veterans Memorial honors the million-and-a-half American Veterans who served and fought, under some of the most trying weather conditions, to maintain world peace.

The United States joined the United Nations in Korea, from 1950 to 1953, to take a stand against Communism, which was thought to be a threat to democratic nations worldwide. After three years of fighting, a negotiated peace returned with a settlement that established the border between North and South Korea near the original border at the 38th parallel.

The Memorial is arranged in a circle with a squad of nineteen, life-size stainless steel soldiers, in a triangular shaped formation, coming into the circle. The soldiers are walking over strips of granite rocks and around scrubby juniper bushes to remind us of the rugged Korean terrain. The wind-blown ponchos are to remind us of the harsh cold and wet conditions that the soldiers endured. A granite curb on one side of the black granite monument lists the twenty-two countries of the United Nations that sent troops or medical support to defend South Korea. The monument contains a mural of faces, etched into the granite, of American servicemen from all branches of the military. The faces are from photographs of unidentified Americans representing all those who fought and those who provided support for the ground troops. Together these images reflect the determination of the U.S. Forces and the countless ways in which Americans answered the call to duty.

A grove of trees behind the first monument provides a quiet setting for several other granite monuments. Numbers of those killed, wounded, missing-in-action and held prisoner of war are etched on one wall. Another wall has the message inlaid with silver - Freedom Is Not Free.

Until Next Time, Semper Fi.



DIRECTORS STAFF

By Vance Collom, Jr.

Our March meeting was held at Di Pacific's Restaurant with Ill. Don Rose and 22 members and guests in attendance. It was great to have President Ron Edwards and his Lady Shirley back from Florida. Ron is feeling much better after his week in the hospital last Winter. The Directors Staff has scheduled a fundraiser to sell apples at Wal-Mart again this year. We have a signed contract to sell apples at the Bay Town Wal-Mart in Webster on Saturday, May 5th. We will start at 9 a.m. and continue until 2-3 p.m., depending on how the weather holds up. We hope the weather cooperates and we have a warm sunny day for the sale. Everyone is welcome to help sell for a couple of hours or come visit and purchase a few apples.

The Lilac Parade will be on Saturday, May 12th. Assembly starts at 8 a.m. and the parade will move out at 10:30 a.m. Don't forget to come out and take a spin around the parade route with our Director, Lee Coller, on the Damascus Shrine Fire Truck.

The Brother Bring-a-Friend Night will be on May 19th. Take your Lady out for a great steak dinner for only \$10 per person. Bring a Brother or a neighbor (non-Mason and spouse) and each will receive a free meal. Don't miss this opportunity to take part in an inspirational evening and listen to children from our hospitals, as well as hear from local and state Masons talk about our Fraternity.

Director Lee will be at the D.S. International Conference in April and we look forward to hearing about the Conference at the May Meeting.

Our next meeting will be at DiPacific's Restaurant on May 25th. Cash bar at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m. New Nobles, Ladies and guests are invited and we all order off the menu.

Until next time, God Bless.

Damascus Shrine Meeting

May 2nd

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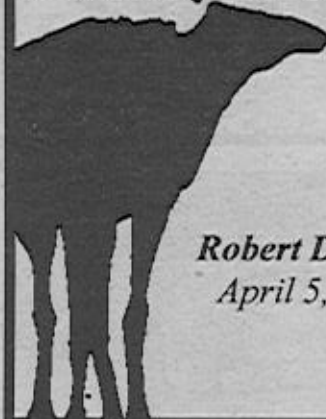
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Robert D. Bueg
April 5, 2007

SHRINEABILIA

By Derek VanHouten, PP

Our thanks to Noble Bob Wharmby for seeing this on EBAY; a medal from Omar Temple in 1911 with Rochester, New York, and July 11-13 on the face. This will go in the display case alongside other medals from the Imperial Session that was held here on that date.

We also extend many thanks for the great material that Past Potentate Erwin

Newell gave us. More details in next month's article. One item was a bound Volume of Damascus News from 1944 to 1946, which is very interesting in content. A more in-depth look at this book will be explored next month. Several decanters were also obtained and added to the collection.

Wheeler Wagging's

Submitted by Kevin (Skins) Faro
I just learned that Terry "Most" Wihlen is laid up with a broken leg and Andy Orbaker suffered a heart attack. Please keep these Nobles and Brothers in your thoughts and prayers. No further information was available at this writing.

- Upcoming Events**
- 5th - Camp DeMolay cleanup
 - 12th - Lilac Parade; Call Out, Highland Park.
 - 19th - Noble Bring-a-Brother Night, 4:30 p.m., Shrine Center
 - 21st - Clown Training, 6:30 p.m., Shrine Center
 - 22nd - Wheelers Monthly Dinner (TBA), 6:00 p.m.

Nobles with May Birthdays:

- Robert C. Bailey
- Stephen A. Barish
- William C. Benedict
- Peter G. Bowers
- David P. Bowman
- Robert L. Breen
- Hampton J. Brown
- Ronald A. Bryant
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for March**

DAY	NO.	WINNER
3/1	589	Patricia McCann
3/2	000	Damascus Office
3/3	372	Gerry Rohrer
3/4	212	Lou Cosentino
3/5	830	Tom Brady
3/6	684	Terri Hunt
3/7	021	Ted Tennant
3/8	551	R. Bayley
3/9	711	Dale Steffer
3/10	047	Tracy Calkins
3/11	789	Steve Wright
3/12	886	Randy Mellenbacher
3/13	219	Fred Harris
3/14	745	Harold Hughs
3/15	694	Ben Heselton
3/16	816	Joe Nye
3/17	448	Damascus Office
3/18	780	Damascus Office
3/19	790	Damascus Office
3/20	069	Karen Wightman
3/21	558	Rob Bondgren
3/22	393	Kay Lamson
3/23	381	Jeff Llacqua
3/24	184	Damascus Office
3/25	655	Frank Ghyzel
3/26	668	Trudy S Peck
3/27	992	Damascus Office
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Zama Temple No. 14 Queen Carolyn Noble



By Ellie Canfield, PQ

Zama Temple No. 14 held the 85th Annual Installation of Officers on Sunday afternoon, March 25th, at Fairport Masonic Lodge Hall. The program opened with the sounding of the gong by Zama Temple Pageantry and a musical prelude by Isabel Keuther, PQ, from Athor Temple No. 19, Buffalo. The entrance of the Bible was by Princess Nancy Lynch; entrance of the Crown by Lutguarda Houston, PQ; and then the entrance of "Her Majesty," Debi Burke. Queen Debi gave her farewell speech, introduced the Queens who were present, the Supreme Appointees and Past Queens.

Zama Temple No. 14 Installing Officer was Carol Colegrove, PQ; Installing Marshal was Sharon Baldwin, PQ; and Princess Chaplain was Janice Allen, PQ, from Syracuse. Attendants were Violet Ball, PQ, and Ellie Canfield, PQ; Princess Recorder was Roe Hornung, and Princess Banker was Florence Calhoun, PQ.

Queen-Elect, Carolyn Noble, entered the Temple wearing a lovely gold gown that sparkled like diamonds. All of her 2007 Elected and Appointed Officers took the Obligation and were escorted to their respective places in the Temple. Queen Carolyn introduced her family and friends and said it was a great pleasure and honor to be Queen of Zama Temple again. Queen Carolyn called for the signing of the Bible by Debi Burke, JPQ. Virginia Gramse, PQ, received her Life

Membership from Zama Temple. Illustrious Sir Donald A. Rose was escorted to the throne, introduced, delivered his message and introduced his Divan. We then were entertained by Zama Temple Pageantry, and a wonderful performance by nieces of Queen Carolyn. A reception and dinner at the Green Lantern Inn followed. It was the perfect ending to a wonderful day.

I have told you *Who are members of Daughters of the Nile, What is the purpose of Daughters of the Nile, What is the Convalescent relief Fund, and What is the Convalescent Endowment Fund.*

New Information

When was Daughters of the Nile founded? The Daughters of the Nile was founded in 1913 and the first Annual Supreme Session was held in 1915.

What is the birthplace of Daughters of the Nile? Daughters of the Nile originated in Seattle, Washington.

How did Daughters of the Nile get its name? According to history, the River Nile in Egypt overflows its banks each year, bringing joy, peace of mind to the people and the promise of abundant crops to the arid land. So, likewise, was held the hope that this organization would bring peace and happiness to the hearts of its members because of the high ideals and lofty teachings in the Ritualistic work.

The last bit of information for this time will be *What is the membership of Daughters of the Nile?* The total membership as of March 31, 2005, was 42,292; The U.S. membership was 37,183 and Canadian membership was 3,404. Of course, as of 2007 membership has changed.

Next month we will have more information for you so keep looking for this article.

In my last article I said, THINK SPRING! Well, we had Spring for a few days and then, it seemed, "WINTER" returned. But with the warmth that Zama Temple gives, we can only keep looking forward. Queen Carolyn has a fun-filled year planned. One of her fundraisers will be a GARAGE SALE at the DOME in Henrietta. The date for this is Saturday, May 19th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be several other organizations participating and from what I understand, it will be HUGE!

Zama Temple hopes that all had a Happy Easter and, to our Jewish friends,

we hope your Holiday of Passover was rewarding.

As I leave you for this month, let me close with this information I found about the jelly bean colors: Orange - Our fertile land that covers Gods earth; Blue - Our cleansing streams; Pink - Renews hope and faith for a brighter tomorrow; Yellow - Our warming sun; Green - Ever growing grass that signifies re-birth; Red - The blood He shed to take away our sins; Black - For the still of the night; Purple - For sacrifices of passion, pain, and sorrow; and White - Peace I wish for you today and tomorrow.

PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Ed Hollwedel

The March 22nd meeting was well attended and we had a great program. Divan Representative, Larry Canfield, reviewed coming events, including the Tool Raffle, Sportsman Raffle and parades. Potentate Don Rose was present, plus several Divan members and Past Potentate and Treasurer Bob Anderson. The speaker was Patrick Weissend, Curator of the Holland Land Office Museum in Batavia.

In addition, we found that our Vice-President, Howard Wood, had been successful in his bid for election as Mayor of Perry. So, now we have a Mayor in our ranks. Congratulations Howard.

The April 26th meeting was at BW's Restaurant on Perry Road, in Pavilion. The speaker was scheduled to be Gen-

ese County Sheriff Gary Maha, talking about Identity Theft and other public safety issues.

The May 24th Meeting will be at the Hole in the Wall Restaurant at 6 p.m. in Perry.

The June 28th Meeting will be at the Silver Lake Golf Club and will be our traditional Ladies Night.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 26th, for the great summer outing in Pavilion. More information will be forthcoming.

As always, we will order off the menu and wives and visitors are welcome.

Keep watching for our Program and location updates. Please contact Ed Hollwedel with any suggestions or questions by phone 584-3066 or email ehollwedel@rochester.rr.com.

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May Shriner and Shrine Center Scheduled Events Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Clown Unit	2 6:00 p.m. Shrine Meeting	3	4	5 Private Party Ismailia Shriners Potentate's Ball!
6	7 Shrine Lunch Club <i>Lalla Rookh Grotto</i>	8 <i>Valley-Simes Lodge</i>	9 Legion of Honor	10 <i>Fame Lodge</i>	11	12
13	14 Shrine Lunch Club <i>ERAC Lodge</i>	15 <i>Craftsman Robertson Lodge</i>	16 <i>Lalla Rookh Grotto</i>	17 <i>Valley of Rochester</i> Wayne Shrine Club!	18	19 Noble Bring-a-Brother Noble Bring-a-Friend Night
20	21 Shrine Lunch Club Ladies Day Auburn Shrine Club!	22	23	24 <i>Fame Lodge</i> Perry Shrine Club!	25	26
27	28 Shrine Lunch Club <i>ERAC Lodge</i> Geneva Shrine Club!	29 Wheelers!	30 Directors Staff!	31	Ziyara Shriners Potentate's Ball! May 19th	

- Off-site event; *Italics* - non-Shrine event

Data current as of April 13, 2007

Save the Date!!!

Damascus Shrine presents:
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Information regarding reservations will be forthcoming!
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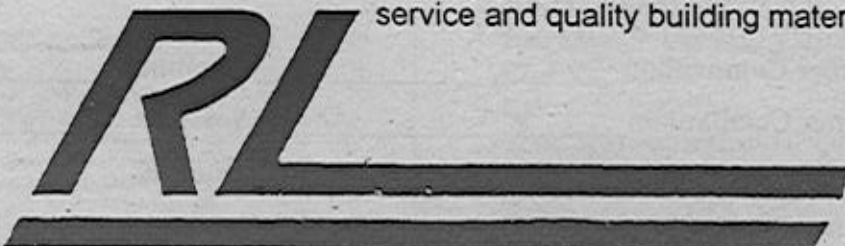





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By Erik Loepker, Junior Deacon

Ah! Spring is here! Step outside, spread your arms, and inhale the heady fragrance of ... frost and snow? Ah well, warm weather is surely on its way, along with all those Spring activities that we all cherish. And, of course, we eagerly await the return of our Brothers who move to warmer climes during the Winter. We miss all that they bring to Lodge when they are with us, and their return in the Spring is as refreshing to us as watching the first blooms in our gardens.

But, before we get too much ahead of ourselves, perhaps we should take a quick look back over our recent activities and events, then give another glimpse of the future.

Memorial

First, it is with deep sadness that we report the loss of our esteemed Brother, David Michael Ambrose. Brother David passed away on February 24th, and is survived by his wife, Kim, and three sons - Paul, Colin and Tyler. The altar was draped in due form, and we extend our heartfelt prayers and warmest thoughts to his family. As always, our grief is due to the loss of his light in the world, but we take solace in knowing that his light must brightly shine in the Celestial Lodge.

Brothers David Adams and Erik Loepker recently completed their *Road to the East* course. Brother David is currently our Junior Warden, while Brother Erik fills the role of Junior Deacon. Both are very active members in the Lodge, and found that the course has given them a wealth of knowledge that they look forward to implementing now, as well as later when their time comes to sit in the East.

On a fun note, we sponsored a Hockey Night at the Blue Cross Arena at the War Memorial. The event was open to Brothers, family and friends. In all, we had fifteen attendees, including W.: Glenn Hedges, W.: John Dudley and Brothers David Adams, Pierre Dubé, Clark Panzer and Erik Loepker. It was a great night for camaraderie and high spirits, mitigated only very slightly by our favorite home team, the Rochester Americans, not bringing in a victory.

As we mentioned in our last article, we are in possession of the Traveling Gavel, having braved inclement weather to obtain it. Apparently, the Brothers of Valley-Simes Lodge tried to retrieve it very recently, at what would have been our normal meeting, but for the fact that our By-Laws require us to not have a regular meeting on Maundy Thursday. We can only guess at the chagrin of those Brothers, but look forward to seeing them again, soon. But, then again, perhaps another Lodge will come and snag the prestigious Gavel first?

Aside from the big trip to New York City in May for the Grand Communication, we will also be performing the Rite of the Rusty Nail on May 3rd - a fabulous chance to knock the cobwebs off of our Central Tenets. For those of you who haven't participated in one before (or haven't in a long time), you are very welcome to attend ours; the Rite is a fun and quick review of the three Degrees that all of us went through.

Our Worshipful Master, R.: W.: William Spillane, has requested from Grand Master, M.: W.: Neil I. Bidnick, Dispensation for our Lodge to conduct the 2nd and 3rd Degrees this Summer. For those of you who would like to participate in Masonic activities during the Summer, this is a great opportunity. We welcome and appreciate any and all Brethren who would like to help, or even just observe the Ritual.


Of course, our big news this year is our Sesquicentennial Celebration! Northfield Lodge turns 150 years old on June 20th, coinciding with the St. John's Day celebration. As you read this, the Brothers are wrestling with coming up with a suitable festivity to commemorate this occasion - perhaps a Ball, or at least a picnic. We'll be sure to publish the details next month.

Incidentally, if you should like to see what we are up to, our schedule is posted on our website at: <http://www.northfieldLodge.org>

While you are there, feel free to peruse at length. We have pictures and other information, and as time goes on, we'll add more to it. Our thanks for this endeavor are given to Brother David Adams for his diligent creation and administration of this site.

We look forward to an exciting Spring, and to sharing it with you through these pages. Of course, if you come join us, you won't have to read about it - you'll have been there!

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By Kevin C. Fisher

Hey Brothers, get excited!! I know I am, and every member of Oatka Lodge should be also. You have probably heard that we have four new Brothers progressing through their Degrees. We haven't had that many new Brothers go through the Degrees at the same time in quite a while at our Lodge.

In addition to the brand new Masons we have had several Brothers from other Lodges who have expressed very strong interest in joining Oatka. With our recent positive financial situation with rental income, we have done some great improvements to the building with more to come. The combination of having our membership increased and the money to keep us a viable Lodge for the future, what more could we ask for! I am proud to be a member

of Oatka Lodge and look forward to it having a strong future in Masonry.

Sickness and Distress

Brothers, please keep Brother Jack Brady in your thoughts and prayers. He has not felt very well lately. In fact, give him a call or send a card and let him know you are thinking of him.

There is still time to attend Lodge. If you haven't attended in a while, come out to a meeting before we break for the Summer. I believe you will be happy you did. These are exciting times, be part of it.

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On April 9th, the Fellowcraft Degree was conferred with W.: Tom Goodrich in the East. Brothers Erik Prince, Greg Whitney and Rick Downs, newly Raised last year, volunteered to do Working Tools and Questions and Answers for the first time. Congratulations on a job well done. On April 30th, the Shrine Past Masters' Degree Team conferred the Master Mason Degree on two Brothers. I will be glad to introduce them next month.

Upcoming Events

At the meeting on May 14th, the new Officers for the ensuing year will be elected and appointed. There will be a re-shuffling of Past Masters at the top as our newer Brothers have a chance to work up through the Chairs. The Installation of Officers will take place on June 11th. Both of these meetings are important. Please come out and show your support.

Fairport will host the Monroe District Investiture of Masters on May 25th. Only Past Masters and Brethren who have been elected for the ensuing year as Worshipful Master may attend. Please contact Tom Goodrich (442-8725) if you would like to attend the dinner.

Fairport-Flower City Lodge will join with the Grotto Legion of Honor on a bus trip to the Masonic Care Community (Masonic Home) in Utica on June 21st. Entertainer Mark Russell will perform his political satire as a part of the St. John's Day weekend. Contact Brian Bills (388-0913) if you are interested.

Is it too early to talk about picnics? The Lodge is planning one on July 18th in Perinton Park along the Canal. Hopefully, the snow will finally be gone.

May Birthdays

The following Brothers will celebrate birthdays during the month of May: Reed Patterson, John Leonard, David Green, John Harris Jr., Hank Wiener, Bruce Budd, Dr. Brett Shulman, Alan Weinberg, Roy Forest, Carl Dattel, David Mawhiney, Craig Carey, R. Clinton Emery, Jonathan Kirwan, Kermit Moyer and Dr. Irving Katzman. They represent a total of 900 years of life experiences with an average of 56 years. We wish each of them a happy and healthy year ahead.

Masonic Anniversary


Brother Harold I. Chait will mark his fiftieth year as a Mason this month. Look for your name in the *Empire State Mason* magazine. Congratulations to you and the other twenty-three members of our Lodge who were Raised in May.

Fairport-Flower City Lodge is committed to the *Masonic Times* as our primary carrier to the members scattered across America. It is our intention to have Lodge news in every issue of the paper.

We did have some email addresses, but apparently they were deleted. I would appreciate the members sending ME your email address at dwtaber@frontiernet.net. The Internet allows us to get out a quick change of plans, funeral alert and solicitation of Degree participants or Canal Days workers. The addresses would only be used for Lodge business. If you have something to share with the Lodge and cannot make it to the meetings, send me an email.

See you around the Altar.

Seneca Lodge
 No. 797
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For those who have been distant from the quarry, you should know that your Lodge has been very active.

We began this Masonic year with a ceremony that recognized our Brethren who had passed to the Great Architect in our Lodge of Remembrance. In August, we enjoyed fellowship while dining on delicious steak and seafood at a well-attended picnic at Mendon Ponds Park.

In September, we had a Re-Dedication Ceremony that allowed us to call to memory those days when we first became a Freemason by renewing our obligations of the three Degrees.

In October and November we presented a Brother Bring-a-Friend evening and were visited by our District Deputy Grand Master who shared a motivating message from the Grand Master.

December's Holiday Party was festive and well attended. I offer another "thank you" to those Brothers and ladies who made it so successful. It was also my first year as a Mason without Worshipful Jack Phillips serving eggnog at our holiday gathering. A special thank you to Worshipful Ray Glegg who played Santa for the Breakfast with Santa again this year.

January and February were dedicated to the Raising of a new Brother. We were also saddened to learn of the passing of R.: W.: James Scobell.

Our March meeting, special to me, was dedicated to reminding us to recall the Basic and Special Tenets of Freemasonry.


We celebrated the Annual Seneca Tea at the Lodge, which has been a great tradition since Worshipful Allan Brewer started it so many years ago.

In April we had the pleasure of honoring our Past Masters of this worshipful Lodge.

In my last days as Master of this Lodge, I look back with fond memories and also look forward to a bright future. I am truly honored to be among so many good men and to be a part of this great Fraternity. I've found that the humility and support among our Seneca Brothers for this Lodge is exemplary. Our Lodge is also blessed to have had such a long line of strong leaders who have built a solid foundation to bring our Lodge into the future. I'm humbled by the work that our Worshipful Masters have done, and continue to do.

Thank you for your support and friendship; see you in Lodge!

ERAC
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Brothers of ERAC, I apologize for missing the deadline for last issue of *Masonic Times*.

I regret to inform the Lodge that Brothers Richard Schaefer and Robert Bueg have passed to the Celestial Lodge above since our last Communications.

I was in attendance for the *College of Freemasonry* sponsored by the Scottish Rite. I would encourage all Brothers to attend future sessions. The speakers were most informative and they shared very thought-provoking information. The future of Masonry was discussed and I, for one, am pleased with the prospects for the future if the recommendations of the speakers are followed. It was suggested that we, as current Masons, need to restore Masonry in America to the importance it used to hold. Education was cited as the key to keeping a man involved and looking to the future.

ERAC raised ten new Brothers on March 26th. It was a moving experience for me to sit in the East and witness such a large number of Brothers become Master Masons. I hope we will maintain contact and provide the nurturing and education they need as the months unfold that will keep our newly raised Brothers happy and active in Masonry.

Our Table Lodge will be May 28th; we hope to have Eureka Lodge in attendance. All Brothers, please try to make this event.

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April Happenings

Brothers Dick Smith and Roy Guess can fill anyone in on the Silver Sneakers program presented at our Dinner with the Ladies on April 3rd. They work out at a facility in Penfield, but the program is offered throughout the area. In some cases it is covered by your Health Maintenance Organization. You can help maintain your wellness by taking the time and getting involved. (No, I haven't done it yet, but I hope to!)

Our Fellowcraft Club Annual Dinner was excellent, but attendance was down. I hope it was because Brothers still were out of town or unavailable for other reasons and not that the novelty has worn off. It was one time we could count on seeing Brothers who do not get to Lodge meetings regularly. New management of Rick's Prime Rib House went out of their way to assure us a fine meal and a good time. If you have any suggestions to help improve this event, please let someone know. Brother Leon VanHuben is the Treasurer of the Fellowcraft Club and worked hard on the arrangements and contacts. I'm sure he would appreciate feedback - 647-1391.

Our 1st Degree, on the 17th, was scheduled to have four Candidates initiated. Assuming everything went well, we will plan on a 2nd Degree in June, with a class of five Brothers. We could really use extra help that night, so mark your calendar for June 19th and PLEASE attend.

Our Degree work is hindered by the need for our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on May 15th. Please plan to attend that session, as the budget for 2008 will be presented and will include a proposal to increase our Dues structure and Petition and Initiation Fees. Your input is greatly desired.

Merry May

It is very exciting to plan the events for May. Our last scheduled Dinner with the Ladies at the Nutcracker Restaurant will be at 6:30 p.m. on May first, May Day. No, I hope it is not a distress call! Brother Warren Doerrer has arranged for another terrific program. The Calling Committee will be in touch for reservations.

You should also hear about the Officers' Dinner Meeting on May 8th at 6:30 p.m. This will also be held at the Nutcracker. As most of you know, I'm sure, this is the opportunity to look at and discuss the budget for next year and the Line of Officers presented by the Senior Warden, in anticipation of his election as Master of the Lodge. If you do not hear from someone with regards to that Dinner, please call me at the Masonic Service Bureau, 671-9730. I would like the count by noon on Monday, May 7th, to notify the Restaurant. I am planning on steak, but let me (or the caller)

know if you prefer something else. The cost for this Dinner will be \$12 per person; the balance is picked up by the Lodge.

As mentioned above, May 15th is our Annual Meeting. It will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. and will include W.: Joseph Steffen's report on the 226th Grand Lodge Session, as well as our required business.

Jumpin' June

There will be a little more going on next month than normal. We expect to run the 2nd Degree at what would normally be our Wild Shirt Night. No, that attire will not be appropriate this year...tuxedos or dark suits would be appreciated.

Of course the BIG event will be the Installation of Officers on June 5th. This will be an open meeting, so invite your significant other and any man you think might be interested in Masonry to expose him to one of our special occasions. There will be a catered dinner, but arrangements have not been finalized. More information will follow.

Two Meetings

I alluded above to the last Dinner with the Ladies. The Brothers voted at the March meeting to return to two Communications per month, beginning in September. We have the approval of the Shrine Divan to rent the Lodge Room for the first Tuesday of the Months of September, October, November, December, April, May and June. We will continue with one meeting per month in the Winter (January, February and March) when Snowbirds are in the South. Inclement weather potentially could force cancellation of a meeting anyway.

We hope this change will allow Brothers, who are not able to attend on the third Tuesday, to get back into regular Lodge attendance, provide more sessions for our Lodge business and Degree work, and help the Officers in their Ritual work with more frequent opportunities to make their presentations. There will be an increase in our rent for the additional use of the building, which will be covered in the new budget.

Sickness and Distress

Brother Earl Pearce had his knee replaced, suffered some complications and, at last report, is recovering at a nursing home. We wish him a speedy healing process and look forward to seeing him back in Lodge real soon.

W.: Volney Frankel, DSA, and his wife, Dottie, continue to recover from recent illnesses and injuries. As our Chaplain, he has been ever faithful in the performance of his duties. It seemed so strange not to have him in the East at our last Communication.

W.: Bill Shelby returned from the South looking tanned and fit, but still is undergoing some tests. Brother Bob Traub is still in the nursing home. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

Happy Occasion

Brother Bob and Jayne Ogden celebrated their 49th Wedding Anniversary on April 11th, with a gathering of a small group of friends at St. John's Home, where Jayne continues to undergo physical therapy.

Birthdays for May

We join in celebrating with Edward Start and George Wilkinson on the 4th; Paul Robertson, 11th; John M. Steinkamp

III, 18th; Terry Ramsey, 21st; Clyde Horn and Charles Freida on the 26th. Happy Birthday, Brothers!

Dues

We have received Dues from about 80% of our members, and could sure use the rest. Check your Dues card. If it doesn't say 2007, you are one of the 20% missing. Please, send in your check today.

Brotherhood Fund

This is the last month of the 2006-2007 Campaign. Haven't contributed yet? Brother Ralph Jurgens would be overjoyed to receive your check. Send it to him at 5986 Lanson Road, Ontario, NY 14519. You may also send it to the Lodge, 979 Bay Road, Suite 2, Webster, NY 14580. We have had good response so far and are thankful for your generosity, but we haven't hit 100%.

See you in Lodge

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I thank all the Brothers who came out for the 3rd Degree. We had a packed Lodge from all of our Brothers, their guests and our Brothers from the Tartan Square Club. I especially thank the Shriners Degree Team who came out and conferred an excellent Degree for all of us to enjoy. Their presentation was a pleasure to watch and I hope all enjoyed it.

This 3rd Degree night was a special night for W.: Andy Shubert. Andy's son took his 3rd Degree this evening adding one more father and son team to our Lodge. Also, that evening Brother Jeremy Matzan welcomed his father (Gene) into our Lodge, as well. My sincere thanks to my father, Angelo, for making phone calls to the other sets of fathers and sons who came out and supported their fellow Brothers in Masonry.

Well Wishes

I send our many thoughts, prayers and well wishes to all our Brothers who have been ill and are on the road to recovery. We think of you often and wish you the best recovery.

Treasurer

We have a new Treasurer. Brother Scott Blystone accepted the position and was elected and installed at our last meeting. I extend my gratitude and appreciation to Scott for coming forward and giving back to the Lodge. I wish him much success.

New Jewels

We have some new Jewels in Lodge for the Officers. W.: Hugh Woodside donated several new Jewels and Cords for some of the Officer positions. Hugh shared his Master's gift by giving back to our Lodge so all the Officer's stations look identical. Thank you, Hugh. That was very generous.

Widows Luncheon

Thanks to Brother Roger Lynch for overseeing the Widows Luncheon this year. We appreciate his help.



Here are some of the fathers and sons of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge who attended our 3rd Degree night. Angelo and Mike DiCataldo, Andy, Sr. and Andy, Jr. Shubert, Eugene and Jeremy Matzan, John and Clive Rees, Robert and John Zabel.

Last Message

As this is my last article, I thank all the Brothers who came out to our meetings in support of the Lodge. Your presence made my year as Master a pleasure and I hope you enjoyed the time as much as I have.

Being Master of a Lodge for one year is demanding work. The time goes by so quickly, between regular meetings plus the additional meetings you must attend. I tried to live up to the expectations. I know my year had bumps in the road but, overall, I am proud of my year and leave with no regrets because I feel I worked within the length of MY Cabletow and performed by the Square and Angle of MY work.

We had five new Brothers join our Lodge with two affiliations, a very nice accomplishment. These Brothers searched us out to enrich their lives by becoming Masons. I wish them the best and welcome my newly raised Brothers to our Lodge. I encourage all Officers to continue to move forward and take on the challenges ahead as you move up the Line towards the East.

The road traveled is more like a journey of fulfillment, which cannot be explained until you are sitting in the East looking out onto the floor and you see

all the Past Masters who have come before you and the newer Brothers who look to you for guidance. Take the opportunities because, in the end, the Journey was worth the ride.

In early May, I head to New York City for the Grand Lodge Convention. I'll be back for our first meeting in May, when we will have Election of our Line Officers for the ensuing year. This will be our last regular meeting of the year because the second meeting falls on Memorial Day.

Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up

I encourage all Brothers to come out on Saturday, May 19th to spruce up our part of Town. Meet at the Lodge at 9 a.m. and help show our community we care. There will be coffee, bagels and donuts to get us started. More information to follow.

Lodge Clean-Up Day

We will also have a Lodge Clean-up Day to get ready for Installation of Officers in June. Please save the date of June 2nd as Lodge Clean-up Day. Again I will keep Brothers posted.

Brothers, it was an HONOR and PLEASURE to serve as your MASTER and I look forward to seeing everyone over the Summer.

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It's hard to believe this is one of the last *Masonic Times* articles for the year. Where has this Masonic year gone? It seems like just yesterday we were getting installed into our current stations and places. As I get older, I'm starting to believe in the old saying, "time waits for nobody." It was nice to see our Snowbird Brothers return North and join us once again.

Council Fish Fry

The Genesee-Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities held their Annual Fish Fry on March 16th. This event was well attended by the Lodges and Brothers throughout the District. Take a look at the picture and you can even see our District Officers hard at work in the kitchen. A special thank you to

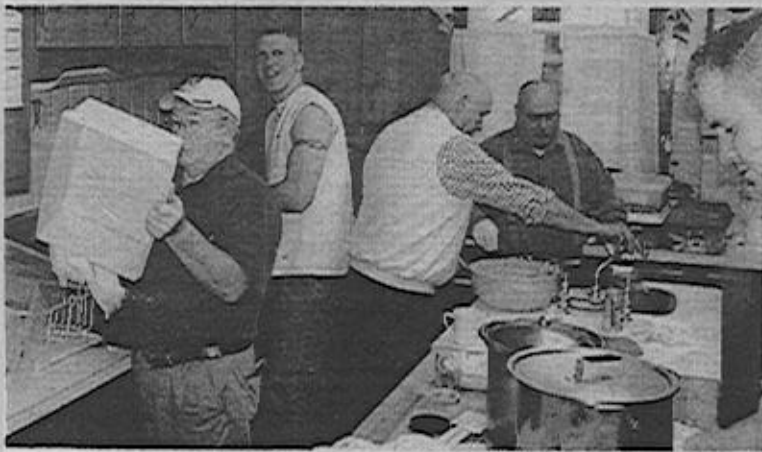
Constellation Lodge for hosting this event.

The event was very successful even though the weather did not cooperate. Just before the dinner started, a Winter storm decided to rip through Perry and the rest of Wyoming County. This storm did not deter our Brothers and just showed why this is the greatest Fraternity in the world. I'm proud to report that, once again, the dinner was successful enough that we will not have to sell/buy candy bars.

I personally thank Brother Mike Rhodes and Brother Bud Hoffmeister for their help in the planning and organization of this event. I'm sure it would not have been successful without the help they offered and supplied to yours truly. Keep this Annual Fish Fry in mind as the Council will be looking for a Lodge to host next year. The Council has been fortunate enough to have Constellation host for the past two years.

Masonic Anniversaries

I congratulate the following Brothers who were Raised in the month of May:
 1965 - Laverne P. Boyd, Nathaniel H. Finch and Kenneth P. Hance
 1968 - Frederick S. Hance
 1975 - David L. Tallman
 1977 - David L. Hurlburt



Constellation Lodge hosted the Annual Genesee-Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities Fish Fry in March. Hard-working kitchen personnel included District Officers in photo above. Despite inclement weather, diners filled the hall (below) making the event a successful fundraiser, eliminating need for candy sale. (Photo submitted by Kenneth Smith)



Oakland Lodge will have two Communications during the month of May. The first Communication will be held on May 1st. The agenda for this meeting is the Nomination of Officers for next year. I encourage all Brothers from Oakland Lodge to attend this Communication to offer their input and wisdom as we prepare to set our Line for next year. Also, if any Brother has a desire to fill a certain position in the Lodge, please let the Master or Senior Warden know. The second Communication will be held on May 15th. The agenda for this Communication is the Election of Officers. Once again, I encourage all Members to attend and help in the election of next year's Officers. This will be your first opportunity to show your support for those who are chosen to lead Oakland Lodge next year.

I would like all the Brothers of Oakland Lodge to keep the evening of June 16th open on their calendars. This is the evening that Oakland Lodge has been asked to travel to the Batavia Veterans Hospital and host Bingo Night. The Veterans are always grateful for the time that we spend with them. It also is a way for us to say thank you for the sacrifice they have made for us and our freedom.

I thank all the Brothers who have submitted their dues for this year. The Secretary has had a great response to the notices that were sent out. For those Brothers who have not submitted their dues, I highly encourage you to get them turned in and prevent from falling behind a year and having to double up next year.

The Brotherhood Fund Campaign is coming to an end, but there is still time make your donation. If you wish to make a donation, please send it to: Kenneth E. Smith, 137 Lake Street, LeRoy. Thanks to all the Brothers who have already donated and made this one of the most successful campaigns in recent years.

Here's hoping this article finds my fellow Brothers having a happy and healthy start to the Spring/Summer season. Let us

never forget those who have and are still fighting to keep this great nation free and safe. May the blessings of heaven fall upon all my fellow Brothers and their families where ever they may be throughout the world. »

**West Star
Lodge No. 413
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Mondays

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By William Geitner

West Star Lodge has been quite busy since we talked the last time. Being busy makes the time go by so fast and keeps an interest in Lodge. Along with the robins and geese, so have the Snowbirds returned North. It's a little early because we had snow on the ground for Easter, but it's nice to have the Brothers back from Florida and Myrtle Beach.

On March 16th, the Council of Masonic Activities had their Fish Fry in Perry. West Star bought ten tickets to support the fundraiser and Lodge Brothers bought all ten tickets. Several West Star Brothers worked at the Fish Fry in addition to supplying four pies. Even with blizzard weather conditions, they had a good turnout and it was considered a great success. This year's Fish Fry tickets were all sold, but I still have five or six tickets left from last year's Fish Fry. They are now on sale, cheap! Contact me, if interested.

Masonic Service Awards

April 2nd was West Star's Awards Night. West Star had eleven Brothers receive awards for their years of Masonic Service.

15 Years

Certificates were presented to W.: Steve Sharman and Brothers Ed Hibsich, Robert Hyman, Robert Spink, Gordon Brown, Jr., Wayne Durfee and Paul Simonson.

20 Years

Brothers Robert Hawkins, Don Donnelly and Lou Adamczyk received Certificates.

25 Years

Brother Robert Ripley's 25-year Certificate was sent to him in Florida.

65 Years

On April 3rd, R.: W.: Ken Kohlhagen and W.: William R. Geitner visited W.: Harold Spink and his wife Ruth at their home and presented Harold with his 65-year Pin and Certificate from Grand Lodge. Stories were told and memories refreshed for about two hours. Harold joined West Star Lodge in 1942. Harold told about Varysburg from long ago. I enjoyed the visit as the youngster, at the age of almost 60. Harold is celebrating 95 years young.

Also on the night of our Award Presentations, the 630 Grub Club met in the Lodge Dining Room. Barb (from Durfee's Diner) served an excellent Roast Beef Dinner to 27 people, including about ten ladies. Social hour started with platters of relishes and shrimp served. After awards were being presented, we returned to the Dining Room for several kinds of pies for dessert. It was not a good time to be on a diet. There was a lot to eat and we were invited to have seconds.

For our first May meeting, R.: W.: Ken Kohlhagen will be in New York City for Grand Lodge. With the Master gone, Officers will have to move up. This will get our Officers ready for Election of Officers on May 21st. This sounds like a good day to go on a fishing trip.

Sickness and Distress

A card was sent to Brother Steve Rynkowski who suffered with the flu. We hope he is back to Lodge soon.

Let me revert back a bit. Our March 5th meeting was canceled because of a snowstorm. A special communication was ordered on March 12th. I wasn't able to attend, but I heard there was a lot of laughing going on. The next day was that Tuesday I told you about in the last newsletter. I've been a lot of places and done a lot of things in my life, but what happened Tuesday was the source of all the jokes.

It was a new experience for me. I had my first colonoscopy. I've been putting it off for ten years, but now that it's over I recommend it to everyone over 50, and that's almost all of us. I did receive a clean bill of health. That alone makes it worth all the worry. The biggest thing to keep in mind is that early detection of any problem is very important. The sooner a problem is found, the easier it may be to take care of. I could tell some of the details, but it's not important. Do yourself and your family a favor and check with your Doctor and get it done. My wife says that now I'm certified "Perfect."

The Doctor says I'm good for another ten years, so I'll be writing the news for another ten years. I'll be back next month with more news and we'll see you at Lodge. »

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My year is starting to wind to an end; only one more article after this one. Election of Officers will be May 17th. The date was changed because Elections must be held after Grand Lodge. The May 3rd meeting will now be Past Masters' Night, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will be free to all Past Masters. I hope we have a big turnout - especially from some Past Masters who have been unable to attend in recent years.

Both the 1st and 2nd Degrees went very well. Even though I have seen many Degrees, I am still in awe of how well our Lodge does Degree work. It is great to see the newer Brothers stepping in and taking roles. Jason Smalley took on a big part in the Answers for the Questions and Answers and did a wonderful job. Chris Kremer was the Senior Master of Cer-

emony for all three sets of Degrees, and Dan Culver did Conductor and Marshal this year. They both did an excellent job.

Molly's Birthday Party and our Annual Table Lodge was a lot of fun! Thirty Brothers showed up for the event. I thank R.: W.: Gary Sanford, DDGM of the Monroe District, for coming. He presented a Pin and Certificate to Don Kunego and Chris Kremer for completion of the *Individual Development Course (iDC)*. He brought with him R.: W.: Derek VanHouten and George Foehner of Union Star Lodge. Other visitors were Dale Smalley of Social Lodge and John Jamale of Unity Lodge. It was great for them to come; we enjoyed having them. During the festivities we fined just about everyone for all sorts of silly things. In the end, with some additional donations, we raised \$200 for the Brotherhood Fund.

Finally, I would like to mention that my Brother, Stephen, whom I have previously written about, has returned safely from Afghanistan. He is adjusting to life back home and looks forward to continuing to seek light in Masonry. I wish I could say it is his last time but he most likely will be going back next year. Thank you, everyone, for keeping him and all our soldiers in your thoughts and prayers. »

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By David Rising

I'm back, Companions, after a three-month hiatus. This is supposed to be Spring, but as I look out my window, it is snowing again. This weather won't change soon enough.

At our last Convocation we had the pleasure of welcoming R. E. Jeffrey Williamson, our Regional Officer, who gave an inspiring talk on Chapter membership and education. The meeting was preceded by a dinner at the Yellow Mills Diner and was attended by only five Companions. Companion Jeff was unable to attend the dinner. Prior to the program, I read a report from my attendance at Grand Chapter.

Companions, this was our last Convocation until October 1st. I hope you all have an enjoyable Summer and hope to see you back in the Fall.

Companions, my Official Visits are underway. My last one will be at Palmyra Eagle Chapter on May 7th. This happens to be the first day of Grand Lodge so some Companions will be away in New York City. Your presence would be very helpful to open Chapter. We will meet at the Yellow Mills Diner at 6 o'clock for dinner and social talk. Newark Chapter will host Dinner at their meeting on May 14th at the Newark Grange Building. Dinner will be served at 6 o'clock so the kitchen cleanup can be completed by 7:30 p.m. Unfortunately, I will be on my way to Chicago on business and will not be able to join you that evening.

On May 22nd, Wayne Chapter will meet at 7:30 p.m. This will be an opportunity to practice for the Grand Lecturer's Convention being held May 24th at Sodus Lodge. The work of the evening will be the Royal Arch Degree. We will have Dinner at the Steger Haus Restaurant at 6 p.m. prior to the May 24th meeting.

All three Chapters will be recessing after their May meeting for the Summer. However, there will be lots of Capitular events throughout the Summer across the entire State, so visit the RAM website and read your *Royal Arch Magazine* for details. I will be able to list some of these events in my June article. Remember to publicize anything your Chapter does over the Summer recess. A picture and a line or two of explanation are what local publications want for their papers. Enjoy the Springtime.

Hiram Chapter No. 62



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Can you answer this question? What is Freemasonry? You, as a Royal Arch Mason, should be well equipped to answer this question. Your advanced Masonic knowledge and

the fact that you are an actual (or virtual) Past Master, indicates a leadership skill level capable of doing so in one simple statement.

Think about what you could do for Masonry with the right response. The response from your Chapter would be a medallion that could extend to the length of Aaron's beard. The medallion I refer to is called "Remember the Blue Lodge" Medallion. An increasing number of Companions who participate in this program by bringing good men to Masonry is one way to improve the freedoms taught to us as we have grown as Freemasons. Let us all bring a good man into the Blue Lodge and help Masonry grow.

Dates to Remember May

10th - 6:30 p.m., Northfield Lodge, David A. Hardy, DDGHP, Official Visit - Dinner

19th - 5:30 p.m., Northfield Lodge, Spaghetti Dinner - Charity Work

24th - 6:30 p.m., Northfield Lodge, Most Excellent Masters Degree - Dinner

June

14th - 5:30 p.m., Kings Bend Park - South Cabin (smaller) Annual Chapter Picnic. Bring a Dish to Pass

28th - 6:30 p.m., Northfield Lodge, Holy Royal Arch Degree - Dinner

August

25th - 11 a.m., Raymond's Pond - Trumansburg; Mark Master and Past Master Degrees - \$15 each by August 20th. Chapter Candidates requested.

District Deputy Grand Master 8th Cryptic District



R. Ill.: Ruel R. Lovett
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R. Ill.: Joseph P. Pozefsky, Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Council of the State of New York, made his Official Visit to the 8th Cryptic District on March 21st. Doric Council acted as the Host Council. Seven Councils were represented. Ill.: Garry Hutcherson provided a Chicken and Rice Pilaf Dinner for a well-attended meal that was delicious.

V. Ill.: Norman Austin was received and accorded Grand Honors. He had a few words of wisdom for everyone, but kept it short, because this program was in honor of R. Ill.: Poz-

efsky, who was introduced next. DDGM Lovett was then introduced and handed the Gavel to Ill.: Hutcherson so that business could be conducted. After business, R. Ill.: Pozefsky gave an informative talk. He also brought information from Grand Master Versace. Altogether, we had a very productive evening, including voting for the acceptance of a new Candidate.

OK, so I cut the program a little short. Those who were there profited by their presence and the rest of us profited for the same reason. Congratulations and a big thank you to all who attended and took part. As an aside, the work was well done by Doric's Officers.

NunDaWaga Council met on March 26th. Visitors included R. Ill.: Dave Hardy and Ill.: Gerry Cooper from Hornellsville. This traveling pair has been seen all over. Also in attendance were M. Ill.: Stephen Licht and V. Ill.: Norman Austin. Steve was walking slowly, but he was there just the same. With the Degrees finished for the Spring season, we had only regular business and retired to the dining area. We spent quite a while chatting and eating the snacks. I've always believed that the kitchen/dining area should be a big part of your meetings. The Companions are more relaxed and therefore converse more openly and candidly.

V. Ill.: Norman and I have visited several Masonic Bodies recently. We've enjoyed every meeting and we will continue these visitations.

Our last Official Visit of the year was scheduled at Hornellsville Council on April 12th. Hornellsville Council has several new Companions. I expected that some books would be used. That's ok. They are growing, and they have to start at the beginning in order to get where they want to be. I'll talk more about this next month.

We'll see you in Council.

Palmyra Council No. 26

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The April meeting did not take place. It fell on Maundy Thursday and too many called in to indicate they would be attending religious services. Be-

ing with family on such a day comes first.

The May assembly will be a Summated Meeting for the purpose of electing and installing Officers for the ensuing Cryptic year. Notices are in the mail about the meeting and for dues.

The time and place of the Annual Assembly of Grand Council has not been released as of this date. It is usually in mid-August. Anyone desiring to attend should contact the Recorder for details.

The following Companions mark their 35th Anniversary of Membership this month: Gary Bliss, William Jones and Frank Schrader. Walter Simpson, now living in Acacia Village with his wife, Grace, will mark 40 years of membership.

We wish Companion Roger Risser a Happy Birthday on May 24th. He now lives in Leola, Pennsylvania.

Sagoyewatha

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Sir Knights, Our Eminent Commander, Cy White, is traveling in England as I write this article for him. I am sure that he would thank all the Sir Knights who attended our Inspection by Sir Knight David Shire, Grand Junior Warden, on April 21st. Your presence and help in making for a successful Inspection was certainly appreciated.

Our May 19th Conclave at Phelps, will be the Installation of our Officers for 2007-2008. I thank our Commander for planning a program for each Conclave this year and hope our new Commander does the same for his year.

Sir Knight Ronald Edwards reminds everyone that he is collecting aluminum for the Eye Foundation. Bring your collection of aluminum to any of our meetings.

On May 20th, our Commandery will provide an Honor Guard at the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District Memorial Service. It will take place at Geneva's St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. Your presence would be greatly appreciated.

Give to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

(MCO) or Presiding Officer wears a Fez of Red with a Gold Tassel. A Junior Past Mighty Chosen One and all past Mighty Chosen Ones wear a Fez of White with a Purple Tassel.

I'm looking forward to seeing YOU at the following:

- May 6th - Supreme Inspection at 2 p.m.; Dinner at 5 p.m.
- May 10th - Regular Stated Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Hiram Chapter Spaghetti Dinner



May 19th

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All are Cordially Welcome

Caldron News

By Beverly Murray, MCO

What happened? I thought Spring was on its way.

But, it sure took a hike the other day.

All we can do is hope the weather will warm up for the month of May.

Come rain or come shine, We've got to have a meeting on time.

For I have cancelled two in a line.

We, the Daughters, thank ALL who came out for the Prophets, Master Masons and Ladies Day. A special thank you to Monarch Ken Milner and his wife, Elaine, for helping me with the Spaghetti Dinner. I will report in the next *Masonic Times* about Enchanted Lanterns.

We reach out with thoughts,

prayers and love to Daughter Annette Towle and Daughter Merline Bueg on the passing of their husbands. If we can be of any help, please let us know.

Our Supreme Inspection is Sunday, May 6th at 2 p.m. It will be followed by a Ham Dinner at 5 p.m. at the Lodge - cost is \$7. Prophets, Master Masons and Ladies are invited to join us for Dinner with Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Sandy Crawford. Please call Marcia Morrison at

256-7485 with your reservation. Deadline is May 1st.

On Saturday May 5th, we will be traveling to Binghamton to help and support Aahmes with their Supreme Inspection.

In the last newsletter, I spoke about different color Fezes. Daughters who have never gone through line wear a Fez of Blue with a Red Tassel.

The Mighty Chosen One



Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Legion
Clowns
Caldron
Historian



Monarch Kenneth R. Milner

We also presented the following organizations with a donation. Each was represented by the following:

Lauri Vanhise of Hillside Children's Center for their Dental Program

Debbie Salmon, School of the Holy Childhood

Judie Griffin of the Ronald McDonald House

Donald Rose, Illustrious Potentate of Damascus Shrine, for their Transportation Fund to the Childrens Hospitals.

The total donations given this evening, plus the donation that will be presented at the Spring Meeting, is \$18,000. This was the first time that Lalla Rookh Grotto was able to make this many donations at one time. I hope we can continue this practice in the years to follow. I recommend that each Monarch present his ideas to the Board for their approval and that he, in turn, will listen to the Board's ideas.

Spring Meeting

I am sorry that more Prophets could not attend the Spring Meeting in Canandaigua on April 20th and 21st, as all who attended had a most enjoyable weekend.

We were privileged to have the Grand Monarch, Richard Faust, and his Lady Jo Ann in attendance. I have known our Grand Monarch for some time as he has traveled in support of the Empire State Grotto Association in his rise to Grand Monarch.

Lalla Rookh Grotto made a donation at the President's Banquet to Mercy Flight from the Philanthropic Fund and the

Empire State Grotto Association made a donation to them also. The total donation was \$3,500. Mercy Flight was represented by Brian Synder, who was able to enlighten us about Mercy Flight. This is an organization that, when called on, can help all of us. But we hope, as individuals, we do not have to call for their help.

I thank all Prophets who attended the Prophet's Afternoon held by Lalla Rookh Caldron. It was a pleasant afternoon and we were able to enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner afterwards.

After all that has taken place in April, May will seem slow-paced. I plan to have a short meeting followed with a special speaker for our May Grotto meeting. I am looking forward to greeting the Snowbirds as they return home.

A Final Farewell

Just before the passing of Bob Bueg, I, along with the Chief Justice Ron Morthorst, had the privilege of visiting him at his home and presenting him with his 60-Year Certificate. We were able to spend a few minutes talking of the history of Lalla Rookh Grotto as he knew it and remembered old Prophets who have been called Home. Bob was a faithful member and was Manager of the Grotto Band for many years. He also served on the Board of Governors. He will be missed by all the Prophets and Officers of the Grotto, his family and friends.

Supreme Council Sessions

For the last time, I must remind you of the Supreme Council Sessions to be held in June at the Sheraton Hotel in Niagara Falls, Canada. You still

GOLF TOURNAMENT



"It's me Ron. Please make me a **GOOD** Golfer!"

have time to make your reservations. If you wish not to stay over, plan to attend just one of the meetings. Remember, if you do wish to attend, you must register and you must present your current Dues Card. You will find registration forms in your Supreme Council Magazine or in the Grotto Office. Please join us in Niagara Falls for a good time.

Keep June 23rd open and sign up your "Fore"-some for the Grotto Golf Tournament at Old Hickory Golf Course in Livonia.

LET'S PLAY



GOLF!

Saturday
June 23, 2007

Old Hickory G.C.

6655 Big Tree Road
Livonia N.Y.

Open to all Masons and
Their friends

\$45.00 PER PERSON

18 HOLES OF GOLF, CART
FOOD ON THE TURN, PRIZES
STEAK DINNER

TEE TIME 9:30AM

Limited To 40 Reservations

Deadline: June 17, 2007

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Attend Grotto Meetings

May 7th
Board of Governors
Meeting,
Shrine Center,
7:00 p.m.

May 16th
Grotto Meeting,
Shrine Center,
7:30 p.m.

May 21st -
Legion of Honor
6:30 p.m. Dinner at
Nutcracker Restaurant

Information
Hot Line
(585) 334-4196

...To be continued next month. x

M.O.V.P.E.R.



Kenneth R. Milner
Monarch
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Prophets, I hope everyone who attended the April Grotto meeting enjoyed their dinner and the program that was presented. I thank all who invited a Master Mason to join us for the evening. I also thank our Membership Chairman, Ron Morthorst, for his job of explaining the Grotto to our visitors. For the Prophets who could not attend, you missed a great evening of Good-fellowship and Philanthropy.

Philanthropic Fund

It was my honor, as your Monarch, to present the donations from our Philanthropic Fund. Each of the following represented their school in the program, "Dollars for Scholars," and each school was awarded \$1,000.

Anne Cornelius, Gananda Central School

Phil Scheldbauer, Livonia Central School

Donna Yawman, Fairport Central School

Ralph Peek, Penfield Central School

Ron Copper, East Irondequoit School.

Grand Historian



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Harrison Truman was born on May 3, 1884, in Lamar, Missouri. He was the eldest son of John A. and Martha E. Truman and was followed by a brother, John V., in 1886 and a sister, Mary Jane, in 1889.

He was named after his uncle. Later the future President's name was legally changed to Harry, not Harrison.

He had no middle name; his parents apparently gave him the middle initial S. to appease two family relatives whose names start with that letter. Wanting to name him after one of his grandfathers, they were undecided which one - Solomon Young or would it be Anderson Shippe Truman? Each one said "S" stood for his name.

When Truman was six years old, his family moved to Inde-

Harry S. Truman, Mason 33rd United States President

pendence, Missouri, where he attended the Presbyterian Church Sunday School. There he met five-year-old Elizabeth Virginia (Bess) Wallace, with whom he later fell in love.

Truman did not begin regular school until he was eight; by then he was wearing thick glasses to correct extreme nearsightedness. At an early age his main interest was music and reading. He got up each morning at 5 a.m. to practice piano and, until age 15, he went to a local music teacher twice a week. He read four or five histories or biographies a week.

Early Career

In 1901, Truman graduated from high school to an uncertain world. College was out due to his family's financial situation and an appointment to West Point was not considered because of his poor eyesight. He began work as a timekeeper for the Santa Fe Railroad at \$35 per month, and in his spare time he read history and encyclopedias.

He grew up in Independence, and for twelve years prospered as a Missouri farmer. Harry S. Truman's resumé would read, farmer, bank clerk, postmaster, haberdasher, U.S. Senator and 33rd President of the United States.

Despite his poor vision, he

managed to join the Missouri National Guard, by memorizing the eye chart. Harry once visited his mother while in his blue National Guard uniform. His mother, Martha Ellen Young Truman looked at him and said, "Harry, that's the first time since those Kansas Red Legs burned my house that a uniform of that color has been in this house, and don't you bring it back." He never did.

Just before the United States entered World War I, Harry enlisted in the Army. He trained at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, but returned to Missouri to help train other recruits. The men of the Second Artillery elected him First Lieutenant.

He sailed for France during World War I, on March 30, 1918, as a recently promoted Captain, and was given command of Company D, a rowdy group in the Field Artillery. They distinguished themselves in the battles of Saint-Mihiel and Argoone. He maintained his interest in the Guard and, in time, obtained the rank of Colonel.

In April 1919, then Major Truman returned home where he married his childhood sweetheart, Elizabeth (Bess) Wallace, then opened a haberdashery in Kansas City. Her mother voiced

objections, thinking he wasn't good enough for Bess.

Masonic Record

A very active Freemason, Truman received his Masonic Degrees in Belton Lodge No. 450 in 1909. In 1911, Truman and several other Masons organized Grandview Lodge No. 618 and Truman served as first Master of the Lodge.

In 1940, Truman was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri and served as such until October 1941. He was the second President to serve as Grand Master (first being George Washington).

Truman also was a Scottish Rite Mason, and was made Grand Inspector General, 33°, and Honorary Member Supreme Council on October 19, 1945, at the Supreme Council A.A.S.R. Southern Jurisdiction H.Q. in Washington, D.C. He was also elected an Honorary Grand Master of the International Supreme Council of DeMolay on May 18, 1945.

He was a Blue Lodge Mason for 62 years and liked to tell people he belonged to every Masonic organization there was. When attending a Lodge meeting, he preferred to be recognized as a Past Grand Master rather than Past President.



Scottish Rite NEWS

Consistory
Chapter Rose Croix
Council of Princes of Jerusalem
Lodge of Perfection

Commander-in-Chief



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Last month you read my thank you to Brother George Nasra and his committee for a successful *College of Freemasonry*. Of course, that was written prior to the event. Now let me state that the College was a huge success. Our speakers spoke on the topic of where Freemasonry is going and gave suggestions on what actions can be taken.

The Valley was pleased to have the following in attendance at the College from the Scottish Rite:

- Sovereign Grand Commander Ill.: John William McNaughton, 33°
- Ill.: Fred Green, 33°, Active member and Deputy pro tem
- Ill.: Peter Samiac, 33°, Active
- Ill.: David Spencer, 33°, Active
- M.: W.: and Ill.: Edward Trosin, 33°, Active and Past Grand Master

From the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New York:

- M.: W.: and Ill.: Neal I. Bidnick, 33°, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York
- R.: W.: Dennis Breheny, Senior Grand Warden
- R.: W.: Stephen King, Junior Grand Warden
- R.: W.: James Sullivan, Grand Lecturer
- M.: W.: and Ill.: Carl Smith, 33°, and Past Grand Master

These are just a few of the dignitaries, Brethren and guests who were present. The bookseller did a good business selling many Masonic books, some of which I had not seen or heard of before. The Silent Auction was a success, bringing in about \$500 for the Learning Center. And, the discussions during the whole College were very interesting and enlightening. We are planning next year's College for the end of March, 2008. Plan to attend.

The Degrees

In April, the Council of Princes of Jerusalem conferred the 15th Degree, Knight of the East. This Degree takes place during the Babylonian exile. The source for the drama is from the Apocrypha, or "hidden" books of the Bible, the First book of Esdras, Chapters 3 and 4. The Apocrypha are books not contained in all versions of the Bible. Only the Roman Catholic Church accepts the fifteen books of the Apocrypha as an official part of the Bible.

The drama has Zerubbabel confronting King Cyrus and asking for his people to be freed. The lesson of the drama is that a man must have the characteristics of loyalty and fidelity and must practice truth in his life to help him achieve his goals. This does not tell you much about the Degree. You need to see the

Rite Events Calendar

See article for details.

(All events at Shrine Center unless otherwise noted)

May 11th - Reunion Banquet at
Diplomat Party House

May 17th - Election Meeting/Steak Roast

May 29th - Rite Night at Movies

June 16th - Summer Clambake/Steak Roast

August 17th - Summer Outing at
Wildwood Country Club

Please call in your reservations
at least one week prior to event.

Degrees to appreciate and understand their lessons.

However, there are commentaries on the Degrees. Some of my comments came from one, *On the Wings of the Double Eagle*, Volume 1, by Rev. Jan L. Baderstadt, published by Coffee Time Press, Inc., Turner Michigan, copyright 2004. If you are interested in the three-volume set, let me know and I will give you the ISBN for each book. I did meet the author last year at Supreme Council, where I got the last of the three volumes.

Each of the Scottish Rite Degrees builds on the lessons of the first three Degrees conferred in a Blue Lodge. The ceremony and/or drama/allegory of each Degree contains more than just the word and action in the Degree. Each Degree has a cordon or jewel and all, but one, has an apron. The aprons all contain symbols for their Degree and meaning that goes beyond the basic teachings of its Degree. Have I peaked your curiosity about the Scottish Rite Degrees? If you are a member of the Valley, come to the presentation of the various Degrees. If you are not a member of the Valley, consider petitioning for membership.

Even those Brothers who have seen all the Degrees, including Ill.: Charles Hancock, 33°, Ill.: Steve Whittaker, 33°, and myself, have an incomplete understanding of all the lessons taught, and may not remember the full content of each Degree. We are looking forward to seeing all of the Degrees again. The Valley plans to confer each of the Degrees over a six-year period; in addition Brethren are encouraged to visit other Valleys where Degree work can be witnessed.

Lessons Understood

I could have titled this section, "lessons learned," but if we, as Freemasons, don't understand a lesson, we don't learn from it. Industry uses the term "lessons learned" at the end of a project to note what went right and what did not. However, if the project team does not understand lessons from what did not go correctly, then they are bound to repeat the mistake on the next project. The same is true for the good points. If we do not understand the affect and reason for what went right in a project, then we may not be able to repeat it on the next project.

What is my point here? From the talk given by Ill.: Richard Fletcher, 33°, PGM VT, at the *College of Freemasonry*, I learned that one of the important duties of the Craft is to not only make Masons, but also educate Masons and help them become an active part of the family of Freemasonry. If we fail to educate and welcome the new Mason, then we will see him leave the Craft.

Brother Fletcher used three statistics to make his point. These were: the number of new Masons in several Grand Lodges over a year; the number of deaths; and the number of dimitted or Masons unaffiliated for non-payment of dues for the same year. His data showed that, while new members may be helping to replace deceased members, the Craft is losing through dimits and NPDs.

Therefore, let each of us do our part to welcome new Brothers to our Lodges and the Valley and encourage less active members to participate in Lodge and Valley activities. Work with our Lodge Masters to have programs at every meeting that are Masonic in nature and presented by knowledgeable Brothers or from accredited sources, like *The Complete Master* book from Grand Lodge. Individually welcome all the Brethren at a Lodge or Valley meeting and encourage inactive Brothers to come to well-planned program meetings.

End Notes

The month of May brings much to our Craft. The Valley will be electing new Officers for the Lodge of Perfection, Council Princes of Jerusalem and Chapter of Rose Croix. Plan to attend our Annual Election and Installation on May 17th.

June brings our Clam Bake at Camp Morris on Saturday, June 16th - the day after my birthday. Since I like clams, it will be a great after-birthday present. Other Summer activities will be announced during this month.

Let us all enjoy May, as it brings Mother's Day, college graduations, Election of Lodge and Valley Officers and Memorial Day, with all of its events. *



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Ill.: Gary A. Henningsen, 33°

Most Wise Master By Kenneth R. Howe

Thanks to all who participated and attended the presentation of Feast of the Pascal Lamb. As I write this article, the program is still a week away but I am confident all will have gone very well. Many thanks to all who participated in the *College of Freemasonry*. Great Job!!!! It was an awesome two days. I am working on burning copies of the program on CD. I hope to have some available within the next week. If anyone is interested in copies, please call the Scottish Rite Office or contact me.

I have a few words about my visit to the AASR Valley of Nashville, Tennessee. My brother (Jim) and I met with secretary Dan Jones and were shown through the museum where Andrew Jackson's (1822-1823) Grand Master's Apron was displayed. Of course, there were many other important artifacts, too. Then we went through the wardrobe room, which was impressive, just for its size. The Rite meets in the same Lodge Room as Observance Lodge. The Grand Lodge Room is used for reunions. It's impressive, not only for its 1500-seat capacity, but also for its acoustics. We could talk in normal tones on the floor and a person on the top row could hear every word.

Brother Jones gave an oral history of the Temple and I was particularly impressed with the story of the chalice used in the 14th Degree. I will share it with you and hope I can do it justice in space remaining.

Here goes ... In 1910, Brother Charles Barham, 32°, proposed that a gold chalice be made that brings fond memories to the four Bodies of the Valley each time it is used. It was proposed that each member contribute ten pennyweight of gold gleaned from worn out jewelry and heirlooms. Ill.: Brother Bentley Allen, 33°, G.C., would head the

committee for fundraising and manufacturing the chalice. But with his untimely death, Brother Aaron Bergeda, 32°, KCCH, took over the task. The chalice would be engraved with these words, "To the Glory of God and In Memory of Benjamin Bentley Allen." When the donations of gold were exhausted, there was \$301.22. Then contributions of money amounted to \$488.00. The amount needed for Chalice, Paten, and Case would be \$984.50 in 1912 dollars. Moqedah Lodge of Perfection paid the balance of \$195.28. The last official appraisal was done on August 11, 1982, and the Chalice was valued at \$25,000.

A "massive mahogany case" encloses the Chalice and Paten. The Chalice and Paten have been used in every Spring and Fall reunion since the Fall of 1911.

On Friday, many of the area Masons met for their weekly lunch meeting and I was invited to attend. Brother Jones used an article from our own *Masonic Times* as a talking point for the meeting. I was introduced to the Brothers and asked to say a few words about our publication. After the lunch, I was greeted by all and asked to give my best to the Brothers in New York.

A few last words ...

It's been an enjoyable year serving the Rite as Most Wise Master. My thanks to everyone for their support - especially my line of Officers. Brother Sy, good luck next year. *



Thomas Jackson, George Nasra at College of Freemasonry. See article on page 1



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I'm sure by now you've seen Robins and Crocus, and most likely you've seen a snowflake or two. We must be patient and wait for better Spring weather. Hopefully, it will be here soon. By the time you read this, we finally will have started our District Official Visits. Rt. Worthy Bill and I hope you come out and join us to enjoy the friend-

ship and fellowship of this great Order.

Rt. Worthy Bill and I have also been attending some of the Most Worthy Grand Matron's Official Visits. It has been fun to see old friends and meet new ones.

The plans for the Grand Matron's Visit are well under way. Again, your Chapter Secretary has the information. This year the event will take place on May 31st at Rick's Prime Rib House on Buffalo Road.

By now, your Chapter Secretary has the information regarding the Lilac Luncheon. The date is June 7th and we've been able to obtain a bus for those wishing to attend. We have been able to keep the cost of the bus to \$20 per person. The lunch ranges from \$11-\$13. Won't you please try to attend? It's sure to be a great day.

I can't begin to tell how overwhelmed I've been about your support for Cameron Ministries. We are making a difference. This month we are collecting new underwear and socks for men, women and children. Your donation can be given to your Worthy Matron anytime.

Our candlelight continues to shine in Monroe District because of each of you. God bless each one and may His light shine through you to others.

Official Visits

May
1st - Fairport, 8 p.m.
2nd - Lilac Star, 7:30 p.m.
5th - Rochester, 7 p.m.
8th - Mary Jane Holmes and Leah (combined), 7:30 p.m.
21st - Etolian, 8 p.m.
23rd - Corinthian Fellowship, 7:30 p.m.

June
5th - Nolatka, 7:30 p.m. *



Lilac Star Chapter
No. 57, OES

Card Party & Luncheon

Monday, May 21st
10 a.m. — 2 p.m.

Webster Masonic Hall
30 Orchard Street
Donation \$7.00

Reservations by calling:
Joy at 671-6152 or Linda at 381-4241

packing box or two with you to the next few meetings. This will help out the committee immensely in packing up!

May

1st - Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Cinco de Mayo Party; Hospitality - Kim Robinson

15th - Tureen Dinner, 6:30 p.m. (or go out for dinner) Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Mother's Day celebration. Be prepared to share your favorite Mother's Day story. We will also have a complete Official Visit Rehearsal. Bring your Ritual!

31st - Grand Matron's Official Visit at a new location - Rick's Prime Rib House on Buffalo Road in Gates. Please notify the Chapter Secretary as soon as you can, whether you are attending or not! Thank you!

June

5th - Official Visit and our final, bittersweet meeting at the Churchville Masonic Hall. Come share and help the separation go peacefully. Your favorite stories and memorabilia are required!

The Big News

Our last meeting in the Churchville Masonic rooms will be June 5th! Please try to make it to one of our last meetings for the sake of posterity!

A vote was taken at our last meeting, and it was decided that we would be relocating to the

Gates-Chili Community Christian Church on Chili Avenue.

This will be a better location for our members, as it is handicapped accessible and a better layout than what we have currently. Also the Churchville Masonic Hall has been sold.

With the changing of the seasons, not only do we see an added spring in our step but also some warmth upon our cheeks. May you and your family have the most enjoyable Summer season. I hope it's filled not only with love, luck and laughter, but also with plenty of hugs and kisses too! May the good Lord bless us until we meet again.

Please Note ...

We are no longer collecting canceled stamps. Our quota was filled! We are still collecting the UPC labels from Campbell's soup and products. We do not need the whole label anymore, JUST THE UPC BAR CODE!

Bible Verses of the Month

Psalms 28:7 - *The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped. Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him.*

John 20:29 - *Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.* *

Fidelity Triangle #4
Cordially invites you to their
80th
Birthday Celebration

Saturday, June 30, 2007
Hilton Masonic Lodge Hall
287 East Avenue, Hilton, New York

Dinner - 5:30 p.m.
Open Meeting - 7 p.m.

Please RSVP by June 23rd
Ms. Wendy Burrows, Junior Deputy
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By Kim Robinson

Sickness and Distress

Please remember those who cannot attend our meetings. Whether they are a shut-in or absent due to illness, keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Sister Susan Huff is home recuperating from pneumonia.

Sister Alice Hassett is recovering well after her recent surgery. Keep up the good work, Alice!

We are deeply saddened at the loss of our recent Lifetime Member Edith Lewis. Her dedication will be missed by her Sisters and Brothers of the Order.

Upcoming Events

In preparation for our impending move, please bring a

College...

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After Lunch, our guests listened to a message from the Ill.: Richard Fletcher, 33°, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association, and one of the writers of the document, "It's About Time, Moving Masonry into the 21st Century." His speech was in line with the theme, which emerged spontaneously on that day: Freemasonry is first and foremost an educational institution, and without the constant pursuit of further light, Freemasonry cannot survive.

Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children. Other attractions included a Masonic Information

A panel discussion followed with Ill.: Ed Trosin, Ill.: Thomas W. Jackson, Ill.: Richard Curtis and Ill.: Richard Fletcher answering questions and engaging in a lively conversation

about the meaning and future of Masonry directly with those present.

During the several breaks, our guests participated in a silent auction, which was skillfully and successfully organized by Brother Pat Mulrooney. More than 30 items were donated and many Brothers and guests participated in the auction. Thanks to all who made this possible. This silent auction surpassed our expectations as \$548 was raised that day and all the money was donated to the Corner, and a Book Seller featuring Masonic titles.

Everyone left this weekend gathering with a renewed enthusiasm for the Craft and a better understanding of what it truly means to be a Mason.

Thank you to all who attended and we hope to see you again at next year's gathering on March 28-29, 2008. *



Neal Bidnick acknowledges receipt of award from Thomas Jackson (above). (Below) Past Grand Master Carl Smith surveys book sales with Jackson.



Dignitaries at College presented check for Have-a-Heart proceeds to Judie Griffin of the Ronald McDonald House (top). Representatives of some of the participating organizations of Western New York Masons posed for above photo.

In Memoriam

FEBRUARY

Somerset, John

John Somerset, 92, passed away February 24th, leaving his wife of 67 years, Veronica, and a daughter, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren to survive him. He was a member of the Rochester Consistory and Drumlin Square Lodge. He was a Past Master of Macedon Lodge in 1945.

MARCH

Miller, Alan R.

Alan Miller, 69, joined the Celestial Lodge on March 18th. He was a relatively new member of Milnor Lodge and proved to be a very likeable and jovial Brother who was enthusiastic and always willing to help the Lodge and his Brothers. His wife, Anna Marie, two children, three grandchildren and his mother will miss him.

Freitag, Robert H.

Robert Freitag, 82, departed for his Heavenly Home March 19th. He was a 53-year member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Beverly, two sons and eight grandchildren. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

Schaefer, Richard E.

On March 22nd, Richard, 88, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord. Richard was a member of ERAC Lodge and a World War II Veteran.

Coleman, Ronald J.

Ronald Coleman, 78, entered Eternal Rest on March 26th. Ron was a member of Valley-Simes Lodge. He is survived by two children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

APRIL

Bueg, Robert D.

On April 5th, Bob Bueg, 82, departed from a lively life of accomplishments, leaving many Fraternal families to miss him. Bob was a member of ERAC Lodge, Lalla Rookh Grotto, Damascus Shrine and Rochester Consistory. He was a World War II Veteran, serving in Africa, China, Burma and India Theaters. Many Fraternal bands benefited from his musical talent for many years. Thoughts today, memories forever.

Lewis, Edith L.

On April 6th, Edith Lewis, 87, passed away, leaving a daughter, three grandchildren and a great-grandchild and family to cherish memories. She was a member of Nolatka Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Memories, like threads of gold, never tarnish or grow old.

Seeley, Floyd E.

Floyd Seeley, 76, went Home to his Lord on April 6th. Floyd was a member of Unity Lodge, Etolian Chapter OES and will long be remembered for his ability to bring happiness to others as "Seal the Clown." He is survived by his wife, Helen, two children and several grandchildren. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

Clark, Robert

The loving arms of the Lord embraced Bob Clark, 72, on April 7th, ending a long battle with cancer. He was a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge and the Tartan Square Club. His wife, Jean, children, and grandchildren survive to remember his life. No length of time can take away our thoughts of you today.

Lauterbach, Herbert A.

At age 99, Herbert Lauterbach, entered his Heavenly Home on April 11th. He was a member of the Shrine, ERAC Lodge for many years and affiliated with Fame Lodge in later years. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Ruth, children, grandchildren and family. He will be missed by his family and friends.

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Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

May

- 4 Haggai Chapter (PHA) 7th Annual Social and Community Awards Dinner
- 7-8 226th Grand Lodge Convention, New York City
- 12 Genesee-Wyoming District Masonic Development Course; location TBA
- 25 Monroe Joint Investiture Service, Fairport Masonic Hall

June

- 21 Mark Russell, benefit performance for Masonic Care Community, Clinton
- 23 St. John's Day, Masonic Care Community, Utica (part of St. John's Weekend)

October

- 28 Masonic Service Bureau's Interfaith Service and Brunch, Country Party House, East Rochester

For additions, call the Masonic Service Bureau at 671-9730

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CALENDAR FOR MAY 2007

Gem - Emerald
Flower - Lily of the Valley

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport (OV), Nolatka - Churchville, Starlight - Spencerport	2 Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine OES - Lilac Star (OV) - Webster	3 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster RSM - Palmyra Council (E) National Day of Prayer	4	5 OES - Rochester (OV) - Spencerport Clio, Hilton - Ox Roast Cinco de Mayo
6 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Weds 16th and 30th 287 East Avenue, Hilton Nurses Day	7 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Shrine Lunch Club - Fairport Village Inn 226th Grand Lodge Communication	8 Eagle - Honeoye Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes, Shrine Center RAM - Dansville OES - Leah - Hilton, Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport	9 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	10 Fame, Shrine Center, 3* Milnor - Victor Union - Lima Webster Fellowcraft RAM - Hiram (OV) Lalla Rookh Caldron	11	12
13 Milnor Lodge Gah-A-Yan-Duk Chapter Spaghetti Dinner Wednesday, May 16th 21 Maple Avenue, Victor Mother's Day	14 ERAC, Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville Shrine Lunch Club - Fairport Village Inn	15 Clio - Hilton (E) Craftsman Robertson (E), Shrine Center Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile (E) OES - Nolatka - Churchville, Starlight - Spencerport	16 Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra (E) Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto OES - Lilac Star - Webster	17 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen (E) Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite (E) RAM - Western Star	18	19 KT - Sagoyewatha (I) - Phelps Armed Forces Day
20 Wayne Lodge - Chicken BBQ OSY - District Memorial Service, St. Peter's Church - Geneva LIV - Communion Breakfast, Mount Morris Universal Church	21 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day, The Nutcracker	22 Eagle (E) - Honeoye Valley-Simes RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton	23 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	24 Fame (E&I), Shrine Center Milnor - Victor Union (E & 3*) - Lima RAM - Hiram James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post	25 MON - Joint Investiture Service - Fairport	26 Eagle Lodge - Chicken BBQ Honeoye Auto Parts - Honeoye
27 Eagle Lodge Eagle Chapter Spaghetti Dinner Thursday, May 17th 4994 County Rd 36 Honeoye	28 ERAC, Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City Union Star, 1* - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield LIV - Association Meeting - Mount Morris Shrine Lunch Club - Fairport Village Inn Memorial Day Observed	29 LIV - Masters' Investiture Service, Union Lodge	30	31 OES, MON - Grand Matron's Official Visit		Memorial Day